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Control boom or raise taxes warns OECD

Inflation threat to 'enviable' record

By Graham Searjeant and Richard Ford

The Prime Minister will come under powerful new pressure today to reverse her tax-cutting policy as evidence accumulates that the economy is overheating.

An influential new study concludes that the economy is growing at an unsustainable pace and implies strongly that the Government should consider raising taxes in the 1989 Budget unless domestic spending has come under control by then.

The annual Economic Survey of Britain by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development warns the Government that it needs to cool the consumer spending boom, otherwise the trade deficit would continue to rise through 1989 and a destabilising fall in the pound could cause new inflationary pressures.

But the Chancellor, who was in buoyant mood about the economy yesterday, believes he has already taken action to curb excessive private spending and that the fears expressed by the OECD will not materialize.

The Treasury said yesterday that the recent 3.5 percentage points rise in interest rates had

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lightened policy significantly since the survey was written. Officials believe this will dampen demand long before next spring and that the OECD's strictures are already out of date.

"The question of the fiscal stance of the next Budget will depend on the conditions prevailing at the time," a Treasury spokesman said.

Sterling is strong but the OECD says: "International capital flows can be highly volatile and financial market sentiment can change abruptly."

The OECD brings together the governments of 25 leading industrial countries. Its national surveys are compiled in close co-operation with finance ministries and are measured in tone.

Its report is highly complimentary of Britain's sustained eight years of growth. It says the Government's financial position is enviable and commends efforts to improve the working of markets, cut unemployment and encourage the supply side of the economy.

Its reservations therefore carry considerable weight, coming at a moment of growing debate over the apparently accelerating consumer boom.

The Labour Party's spokesman on Treasury affairs, Mr John Smith, who has been leading the Opposition onslaught against the Government's economic policy, said the report was a "disturbing expose" of Mr Nigel Lawson's management of the economy. He had made a "badly wrong Budget judgement and his predictions on inflation and the balance of payments have turned out to be wrong".

He said the Chancellor had locked himself into constantly rising interest rates leading to an overvalued pound with the prospect of harming British industry in the same way as occurred between 1979 and 1981.

"It is now demonstrably clear that it was folly to give out £3 billion to top taxpayers who immediately used it to fuel the spending boom. The other disturbing feature of the economy is the differential rates of growth in the country. While demand may be expanding in the south it is clearly far behind in other parts of the country."

The OECD report says that Britain's economic performance continues to be "favourable". It does not see great dangers of inflation rising yet but is anxious that inflation in Britain has not come down significantly over the past five years.

"There is no assurance that the economy will slow down of its own accord and inflationary tendencies need to be closely watched," it says.

"So far, the sustained recovery has led to only limited imbalances and tensions, although there are some disturbing features," it concludes.

It is particularly worried that private consumption has grown so rapidly and that the British appear to be saving the smallest proportion of their incomes for almost thirty years.

But it says it would be unwise to assume savings will automatically recover, not least because the statistics are so unreliable.

"If at the time of the next budget domestic demand is continuing to grow excessively, then it might be desirable for fiscal policy to be tightened."

Ministers may argue, however, that policy can be tightened without raising taxes. The Budget tax cuts have not cut the proportion of incomes people pay in tax because incomes have been rising so strongly.

The latest figures for Government finance, which show a net £1.7 billion repayment of debt in July, also show that tax revenues are buoyant and Government spending is under control.

Reagan hands over amid rift on running mate



Getting the point: Mr Bush and Mr Reagan in New Orleans as the Vice-President flew in and the President flew out.

Growing anger at Bush silence

From Michael Binyon
New Orleans

Amid increasingly testy speculation over his choice of running mate, Vice President George Bush arrived in New Orleans yesterday where President Reagan, following his triumphant farewell speech to the Republican convention, handed over the baton of leadership.

At a brief ceremony at the naval air station, Mr Reagan warmly greeted his loyal lieutenant, who he had insisted the night before "played a major role in everything we've accomplished".

In brief remarks on the tarmac, the President said a great deal rode on this campaign. "You are America's hopes for peace and prosperity. Nancy and I want you and Barbara to know that you have all our support all the way, and all our love and good luck and God bless you both."

Mr Bush, saying he could see further ahead because he had stood on the shoulders of a giant, said he accepted the challenge of building a better America. "America's mission is greatness and I do not intend to fail."

Accompanied by his wife and two grandchildren who arrived with him on Air Force

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2 from Washington, he told reporters that he had already chosen his Vice Presidential running mate, but not yet decided when to announce it.

White House aides expressed private irritation yesterday with Mr Bush's coyness over the vice-presidential issue, suggesting it was distracting and gave the Republican convention a television circus atmosphere.

The frenzied speculation and rumour-mongering has begun to annoy many Republicans. Senator Robert Dole, a leading candidate for the job, said the choice should have been announced soon after the Democratic convention last month.

But conservatives who have threatened a nomination battle if a right winger is not chosen said the tension was a good strategy.

Among the latest names being bandied around are Senator John Quayle of Indiana and two senators from Missouri - John Danforth and Christopher Bond. Senator Alan Simpson, a close friend of Mr Bush, appears to have taken himself out of the race with an admission on Sunday that the Republicans would inevitably have to raise

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Nurses to resume pay talks

By Nicholas Wood
and Jill Sherman

Nurses' leaders and National Health Service managers agreed last night to resume talks over pay as ministers signalled their determination to recapture the initiative in the politically explosive dispute.

After a day of talks about talks, the three health workers' unions said the management side had agreed to look again at proposals on ward sister grading, the issue that sparked last week's walkout.

However, both the Confederation of Health Service

Employees (Cohse) and the National Union of Public Employees (Nuppe) maintained that protest action agreed already at a number of hospitals would go ahead.

In a surprise move underlining the sensitivity of the dispute over nurses' pay, Mrs Edwina Currie, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health, interrupted a holiday in North Yorkshire and returned to Whitehall.

In a series of television and radio interviews, in which she promised promising nurses a "very good Christmas", she denounced union leaders for putting internal rivalries over

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BR plans massive rise in season ticket fares

By David Sapsted

Massive rises in the price of season tickets for thousands of long-distance railway commuters to London - pushing up the cost for some to more than £5,000 a year - are to be imposed by British Rail, it was disclosed yesterday.

The decision brought immediate protests from Conservative MPs and the rail users' watchdog group, the Central Transport Consultative Committee (CTCC), which said the rises would prove "totally crippling" for commuters who had been forced to move into the provinces to escape soaring house prices in the South-east.

A spokesman confirmed that the British Railways Board had decided to "address the anomaly in the great difference in the rate per mile that season ticket-holders pay". Further bad news for commuters yesterday was that Underground fares in London may also rise soon.

British Rail would neither confirm nor deny reports that prices were set to double and informed sources suggested last night that the figure of a 100 per cent increase had been deliberately floated by BR to "soften up the public" for an autumn announcement of eventual increases of 66 to 75 per cent.



"Doncaster is 145 miles from London and an annual season ticket costs about £3,000, while Hemel Hempstead is 25 miles away and a season ticket costs £1,000. That is six times the distance for three times the price," a BR spokesman said.

"It is recognized that these changes may, in the long run, affect people's choices on where they live and how they travel to work."

Mr Michael Patterson, secretary of the CTCC, said it was "totally unacceptable" that passengers should be asked to meet such a large increase in fares.

"It will prove totally crippling for a large number of commuters. They are being forced into a box which they are finding it very difficult to escape from."

A spokesman for the National Union of Railwaymen said British Rail ought to encourage more people to travel by rail, rather than "price people off".

Mr Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christchurch and vice-chairman of the Conservative backbench transport committee, said the move would force more people on to the roads.

"We should be providing incentives to use the railway."

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Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

There were two winners of the £4,000 daily prize yesterday (see page 3), so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £158,000. Prices: page 23

Edinburgh the best for living

Widening divisions between south-east England and the rest of the country are predicted in a study published today, which paints a picture of two increasingly different Britains.

The report says overcrowding, housing shortages and commuter congestion will lead to a steadily worsening quality of life for those caught in an "affluence trap" in London and the Home Counties. Mintel, the market research group, found a widening cultural gap in food, drinking, clothing styles and even accents, between the two Britains, with Edinburgh regarded as the best place to live.

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Clowes revolt

Investors in the crashed Barlow Clowes empire protested over the £1,000-a-week living expenses paid to Mr Peter Clowes.

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Hick's 2,000

Graeme Hick reached 2,000 runs in a season for the second time in three years when he scored 159 to take Worcestershire to the top of the county championship table.

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Football ban

Wimbledon have imposed an indefinite ban on Vinny Jones, their midfield player, who was sent off in a pre-season match.

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Crisis in Sudan

'200 killed' in flash flood

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Sudan flood disaster was still worsening yesterday amid fears that it could slide into catastrophe, despite the efforts of its Government and the international community.

As the Nile continued to rise, Khartoum braced itself for a potentially much more serious second phase of flooding, and details of previously unreported severe problems outside the capital began to filter through.

Mr Mark Duffield, Oxfam's Sudan organizer, said there were reports of 200 people being drowned and a thousand families made homeless by a flash flood at South Gezina in western Sudan.

The sketchy details available came from an Irish charity whose representative attended a meeting in Khartoum of the Technical Co-operation Committee.

Another charity reported that a fifth of the population of Shoaik in eastern Sudan had

been affected, many losing their homes and possessions. An area north of Khartoum was evacuated after flood waters got into stored chemicals and pesticides, spreading a highly poisonous mixture.

Mr Duffield said that further flooding looked likely to continue until early next month, and called for priority to be given to increased facilities for clean drinking water. Reports have started to come in of increasing numbers of people suffering from dysentery caused by drinking contaminated water.

There is also concern about the fate of the population of an island in the Nile cut off by the torrent, with the water level already threatening its flimsy sandbag defences.

There was some better news from a relief worker, Mr Robert Rees, an Africa co-

ordinator of Cafod, the Roman Catholic relief agency, who arrived in London last night after a visit to assess needs. He said that supplies were reaching victims, although distribution was still a big problem.

There was an urgent need for blankets, plastic sheets and tents or any materials that could be used for shelter.

"There is no point in sending them enormous amounts of commodities that will have to be stored in warehouses. What is needed is a steady supply of materials for shelter, plus food stocks and cooking utensils that were lost with their homes," he said.

By yesterday the British public response to an appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee, linking the six main relief charities, had risen to £320,000.

Donations may be sent to: The Sudan Emergency Appeal, PO Box 999, London EC2R 7ET.

Co-op acts against suspected insider

By Michael Clark

The Co-operative Insurance Society last night suspended a junior employee in the investment department of its Manchester head office.

The suspension followed an internal inquiry launched after three people lost their jobs last Friday when irregular dealings in the shares of Pleasurama were uncovered.

The Stock Exchange is also believed to be looking into deals involving a further 15,000 Pleasurama shares where the names of relatives of one of the dismissed shareholders had been used.

News of the suspension of a fourth person is the latest in a series of possible insider trading scandals to rock the City. The City of London Fraud Squad said it was waiting for a request from the Exchange or the Department of Trade and Industry to initiate inquiries.

The Stock Exchange was tipped off by the compliance department of Morgan Gren-

fell, the securities house. Conversations between the dismissed Morgan Grenfell salesman, Mr David Gray, and his alleged accomplices were discovered after tape recordings were scrutinized.

The Stock Exchange is looking into claims that the CIS employee was tipped off about Mecca Leisure's £621 million bid for Pleasurama, the hotel and casino operator, by Mr Gray before it was officially announced on August 4.

A spokesman for the CIS said last night: "A junior employee of the investment department of the CIS has been suspended as from today pending further investigations concerning a possible breach of the Society's personal investment dealing rules. This action follows the recently reported events concerning alleged irregularities with regard to the takeover bid for Pleasurama by Mecca Leisure."

Lawyer says Mandela is suffering from TB

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg



Nelson Mandela's lawyer claimed yesterday that doctors at the Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town had confirmed that the ailing, 70-year-old leader of the outlawed African National Congress was suffering from tuberculosis.

Mr Ismail Ayob visited Mandela in the hospital in the company of Mrs Winnie Mandela, the ANC leader's wife, and made the claim at a press conference on his return to Johannesburg.

Mr Ayob said: "It is clear that his condition has been deteriorating for some time. He had been in bed for four days (in the hospital ward of the prison) since August 3."

"He was short of breath, he had a persistent cough and his speech had been

impaired, and by last Friday he had lost his voice completely." Mrs Mandela and her family also disclosed yesterday that they had sent an urgent letter to President Botha requesting that independent medical specialists of their choice be allowed to examine Mandela.

The medical superintendent of Tygerberg Hospital, Dr J.G.L. Strauss, was still refusing, late yesterday, to confirm that Mandela was suffering from tuberculosis. In his latest bulletin, Dr Strauss said that Mandela's condition was "satisfactory and improving", following the removal of a drainage tube from his left lung the previous night.

Mandela was transferred to the hospital on August 12 from Pollsmoor Prison where he is serving a life sentence for sabotage imposed 24 years ago. "He

was admitted to hospital on Friday night at about 9 pm and had three litres of fluid removed from his left lung on Saturday morning." Mr Ayob said he could not tell whether Mandela's life was in danger.

He said the ANC leader was now able to take brief walks out of bed, but looked "very thin". Mandela had said he had noticed blood in his sputum on Saturday morning, but a doctor at the hospital had denied that any blood had been found.

Medical opinion is that tuberculosis is a disease that would normally be brought on only by neglect and the ANC accused Pretoria of "callous neglect" in a statement yesterday. But Mandela has been kept in some comfort and under constant medical surveillance since he underwent an operation for the removal of his prostate gland.

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Car bomb left by pro-animal group

Army bomb disposal experts yesterday defused a device left under a building company director's car in Maidenhead, Berkshire. The car belongs to Mr William Sperry, managing director of Costain Construction. A caller claiming to represent the Animal Defence League telephoned a local newspaper and a television station, and said in one call: "This is action against Costain and anyone else who is involved in animal cruelty including Glaxo Laboratories".

The building company has done work for Glaxo Pharmaceuticals International for some years. Glaxo said yesterday that the building firm was working on a new laboratory for the company.

Thames Valley police said last night that the device marked a "frightening new move" by the animal rights groups. Built with a short timer, it is said to have been similar to a petrol bomb and to have been hidden in a plastic shopping bag.

Next wins survey ban

Next, the fashion retailing and home shopping group, yesterday won a 28-day legal ban on disputed details of a survey about breaches of advertising standards by some of Britain's best known companies. The investor's guide to the advertising business was compiled by EIRIS, the Ethical Investment Research Service, and was to be published on Monday. It included a list of 10 companies which had the most complaints about their adverts upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority. Next figures prominently in the list.

Meanwhile, the £2.5 million Ethical Investment Fund said last night that its decision to sell 20,000 Next shares had not been influenced by the EIRIS reports.

11 face sex charges

Eleven people allegedly involved in a child sex ring appeared before magistrates at Nottingham yesterday. The accused, all from Nottingham, face 140 charges, including incest, indecent assault, wilful ill-treatment and neglect. All the offences are alleged to have been committed against children under 16, including one 12-month-old infant. They are now in care, having been made wards of court. Ten of the accused, three women and seven men, were sent for trial to Nottingham Crown Court, nine of them remanded in custody. The eleventh was remanded on bail until September.

Tiffany killing charge

An unemployed man aged 32 appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering Tiffany Hoiles, aged nine. Trevor Christopher Owen, of Barnes Close, Blandford Forum, Dorset, is charged with killing Tiffany, of Badbury Drive, Blandford, between August 10 and August 13. He was remanded in custody for seven days by magistrates at Wimbome. There was no application for bail.

Boeing studies Shorts

Boeing is to tell the British Government "within 30 days" whether it is prepared to take over the state-owned Short Brothers of Belfast. Both the Department of Trade and Short Brothers have been urging the American company to consider buying the company, which the Government is anxious to see privatized as soon as possible.

Power station studies

Four possible sites for gas-fired power stations are to be investigated by the Central Electricity Generating Board. They are at Didcot, Oxfordshire; Little Barford, Bedfordshire; Rye House, Hertfordshire, and Killingholme, North Humberside.

Extradition case at crucial stage

By Paul Valley

Few legal experts in Dublin expect that lawyers for Robert Russell, the escaped IRA prisoner, will succeed today in their last-ditch attempt to prevent his extradition to complete his sentence at the Maze prison in Northern Ireland.

Their objection is based on the fact that originally there were 19 long-standing warrants out for Russell's extradition but 12 of those were dropped recently because they related to a charge of murder on which 16 other IRA men have since separately been acquitted in Belfast. The dropping of the warrants was improper, they argued on Sunday before a Dublin High Court judge at his home.

Under Irish law, advocates are able to choose which High Court judge they approached to seek an injunction. They chose Mr Justice Seamus Egan, who granted it. The main aim of

Sinn Féin leaders in this was not apparently a serious attempt to win freedom for Russell, who is regarded by security sources as "a hard man".

He has already unsuccessfully exhausted all the avenues of appeal open to him.

Russell is due to be released from the republic's top security prison on August 27. Sinn Féin's tactic is designed to prevent a premature release which would ruin the mass demonstration it is planning at the handover point at the border.

Given the bizarre history of attempts at extradition between Britain and Ireland no one is prepared entirely to rule out the possibility that Russell could today succeed in the High Court.

Extradition has long been the most vexed issue in Anglo-Irish relations. The 1965 Extradition Act in the Irish Republic allowed that British warrants could be ignored for "political"

offences. Throughout the 1970s Irish courts persistently refused to hand over anyone who claimed a political alibi.

In 1976, laws were passed in both countries which meant a criminal could be tried where he was apprehended even if his crime was committed in the other jurisdiction. But the measure was little used and it was not until 1982 that the Dublin Supreme Court ruled in two test cases that the political defence was a limited one.

Dominic McGlinchey, dubbed Ireland's most wanted man, was extradited to stand trial for the murder of an elderly postmistress after the court decided that a "political offence" had to mean an offence which reasonable civilized people would regard as political activity.

Later in the year it ordered the return of Seamus Shannon, who was accused of murdering the former speaker of the Northern Ireland

Parliament, Sir Norman Stronge, on similar grounds. But political support for the process received serious blows in the republic when McGlinchey, said to be wanted for 28 murders, 30 shootings and 11 bombings, was acquitted for lack of evidence and Shannon was similarly cleared. McGlinchey had to be re-extradited to stand trial for other offences in Ireland, where he is now in jail.

Further blows were suffered when British legal authorities presented a series of warrants which were badly drawn up.

One murder suspect, John O'Reilly, escaped because the warrants were not signed by a judge but only the deputy chief clerk of Belfast Crown Court.

Another, Brendan Burns, accused of the deaths of five people, was freed because the Ulster police inspector who put the warrants before a Belfast magistrate had not been under oath at the time.

Airports get set for Spanish stoppages

By Emma Wilkins

There were few long delays at British airports yesterday, although most expressed concern that flights could be disrupted because of threatened strike action by Spanish air traffic controllers at the end of this month.

Gatwick airport said it was considering putting up marquees to accommodate delayed passengers if the Spanish controllers went ahead with their action.

The airport would provide bedding, extra chairs and extra food if needed. "We are just waiting to see what will happen next", a spokeswoman said.

At East Midlands airport, a newly-opened children's play area will relieve the boredom for many families if flights are delayed. "We have rubber mats, toys, things to roll over and a Wendy House to keep the children happy", a spokeswoman said.

FLIGHTCHECK



East Midlands: A Britannia Airways flight from Monastir, due to arrive at 3pm, was not expected to touch down until 4.30pm.

Birmingham: An Orion Airways flight from Palma, due to arrive at 1.20pm, was not expected to land until 6.20pm. An Air Europe flight from Corfu, scheduled to arrive at 3.55pm, was not expected until 6.20pm. A Paramount flight from Iraklion was due to land at 7.05pm, but no arrival time was available. An Orion Airways flight to Palma was expected to depart at 3pm, but was delayed because of a knock-on effect from earlier late arrivals.

Leamington: A Monarch Airways flight from Ibiza, expected to arrive at 1.45pm, was not due until 4pm. Another Monarch flight from Palma was due at 1.55pm, but was not expected to arrive until 5.45pm.

Bristol: A Britannia Airways arrival from Palma was 3 hours and 22 minutes late. A Paramount Airways flight from Maastricht, due at 2.40pm, was not expected until 3.15pm.

Cardiff: An Inter European Airlines flight from Corfu was delayed for one hour. The corresponding departure to Iraklion was also delayed for one hour.

There were no delays at Leeds/Bradford, Gatwick or Heathrow.

Negotiations begin for super 'Euro-union'

By Roland Radd

The biggest British white-collar union has opened an office in Dublin to start merger negotiations with two Swedish unions and has approached several other unions on the Continent with a view to creating a super European Union in the run-up to 1992, it was announced yesterday.

In what is believed to be the first talks of their kind, the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union said the negotiations would lead to a "great organic European union" to campaign for employee rights throughout the European Community.

The announcement was made at a MSF press conference to launch the first trade union strategy on 1992.

In a document entitled *Europe 1992*, the union calls for harmonized terms and conditions for trade unionists throughout the community and the right for unions to have six-monthly joint consultation meetings with companies operating in more than one community country.

The Swedish unions involved are SIF, representing 220,000 clerical and technical workers, and SALF, representing 80,000 supervisory staff. Both are concerned about the

effects of a single-union market.

Mr Clive Jenkins, MSF joint general secretary, who already represents the Swedish unions' interests in England, said he believed a Euro-merger with more than a million members was a real possibility.

MSF has drawn up a 10-point strategy to campaign for British employees to have the same rights as their European counterparts in 1992.

The MSF 1992 document also calls for:

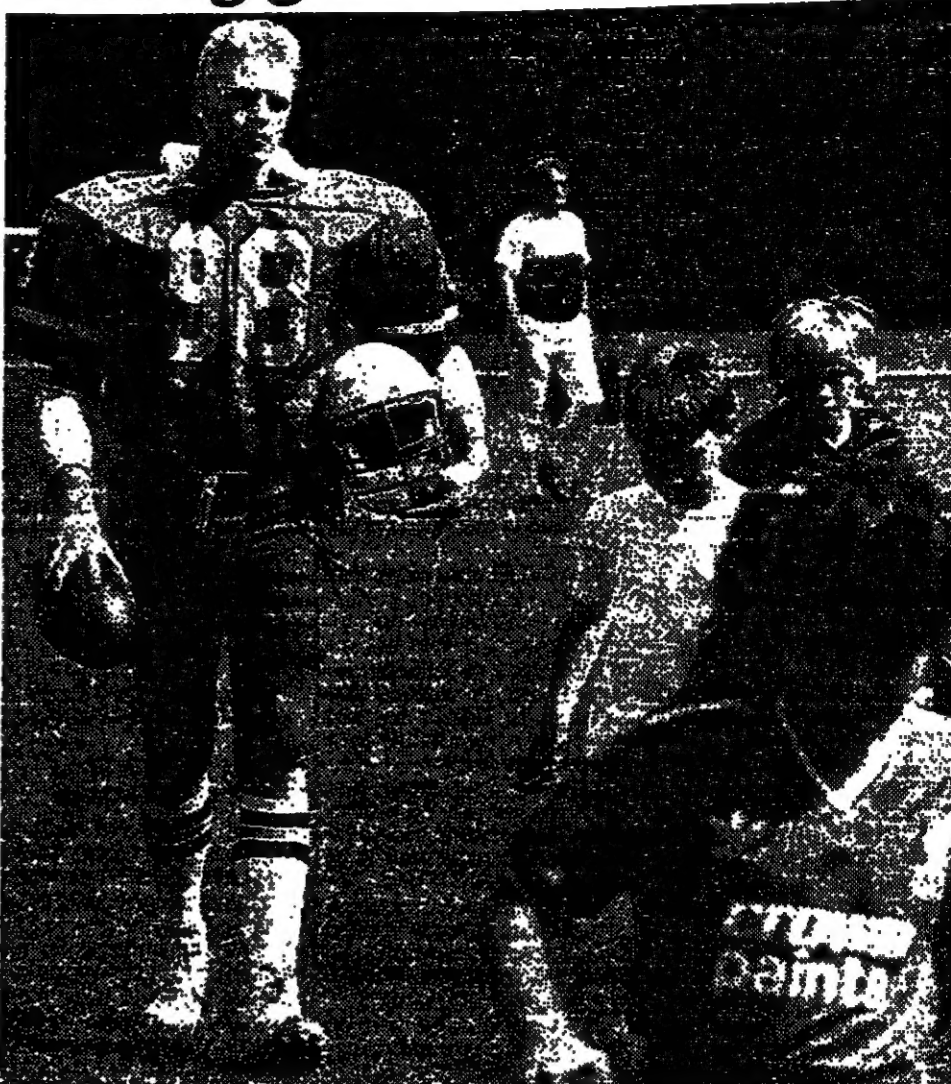
- Common rights for trade unionists throughout the community to take action in support of other unions, the protection of employee interests in mergers and takeovers including the statutory right to consultation.

- Protection of employee interests in mergers and takeovers and the statutory right to discuss all issues relating to the enterprise of European companies. Some MSF agreements already provide this.

- A community-wide minimum wage, 35-hour working week, the right to an occupational pension scheme and the establishment of training and educational committees.

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Young giant of US football



Adrian Teague, 16 years old and 6ft 4ins tall showing the difference between schoolboy footballers on either side of the Atlantic as he towers above young British players. Adrian has won a two-year scholarship to an American private school to boost their football team. He was spotted playing for the Brighton-based BS2s (Photograph: Roger Ramber).



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Dispute over maths teaching may lead to longer school day

By David Tytler, Education Editor

School hours may have to be extended to allow adequate teaching of mathematics, science and English in the national curriculum to be phased into schools from September next year.

In publishing yesterday's working party reports setting guidelines for the teaching of mathematics and science, officials of the Department of Education and Science conceded that the present working school week of about twenty-five hours in secondary schools and twenty in primary schools may have to be extended.

The main recommendations of the reports — which say that unless there is a dramatic change in teaching methods standards will continue to fall — have been accepted by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

But he has asked the newly formed National Curriculum Council to consider a return to some traditional teaching methods and changes in the way the crucial attainment tests for children are set.

Mr Duncan Graham, chief executive of Humberston County Council and the chairman and chief executive of the 13-strong council, is seeking the views of teachers, parents and school governors about the way mathematics and science should be taught.

Mr Baker has asked the council to consider some important changes in the recommendations from the two working parties on the teaching of mathematics and science. In a letter to the council, he made it plain he wants a return to some traditional methods of teaching, particularly in long-division and times-tables.

The reports, while urging a return to the declining skills of mental arithmetic "as a first resort", emphasize the importance of calculators and computers from the primary school onwards.

They say: "Many people who express concern about calculators believe that the more traditional methods of

The Government yesterday named the heads of two bodies that will help to determine school course work and examinations in England and Wales.

Mr Duncan Graham, chief executive of Humberston County Council, will be chairman and chief executive of the 13-strong National Curriculum Council. Professor Paul Black, of King's College, London, also joins the NCC.

Mr Philip Halsey, a former deputy secretary at the Department of Education and Science and former head of Hampstead School, will chair the School Examinations and Assessment Council.

calculation — particularly pencil and paper methods — were in themselves a guarantee of high standards of attainment. We do not accept this premise.

"The calculator can and is doing for us what the water frame and the spinning jenny did for the textile industry in the last century — reducing drudgery and greatly increasing the potential for both output and quality. There is no moral gain derived from tackling 1,000 long divisions when calculators exist."

Mr Baker is also unhappy with the way in which the mathematics report has set out some of the attainment tests, maintaining that it appeared to divorce knowledge from practical application.

He said: "The development of pupils' capacity to use mathematics should go hand in hand with the development of their knowledge of mathematics. We therefore propose that the attainment target suggested for practical applications, should be re-examined."

Mr Baker wants to set a general standard for testing all children on a scale of one to 10 so that parents are given a clear idea of attainments and standards.

He hopes to issue comprehensive curriculum and testing guidelines by early next year.

comparable country and shows up on a wider range of items within arithmetic, algebra, geometry and measures. We are disturbed by the high proportion of 13-year-olds who do not appear to have mastered basic skills."

Of the teaching of mathematics to girls, the report says: "Girls' lack of confidence about mathematics is the product of entrenched preconceptions about the limitations of the female mind which are reflected in both teacher and parental expectations. There is research evidence that teachers frequently devote more attention to the boys than to the girls in their classes."

The report adds: "Some teachers may unconsciously have lower expectations of pupils from certain ethnic minority backgrounds." But it rejects a "multicultural" approach to mathematics in which children are introduced to different number systems, foreign currencies and non-European measuring and counting devices.

One of the main problems facing the National Curriculum Council is the amount of time the national curriculum should allow for mathematics and science. The science group's report suggested 20 per cent of curriculum time but Mr Baker said that was unrealistic for many children.

Teachers' leaders criticized Mr Baker's response. Mr Peter Smith, the Assistant Masters' Association secretary, said: "The Government's response is Luddite. Taking a step into the future they have gone straight back into the past."

The National Union of Teachers complained at the shortage of time given to the NCC for consultations and questioned whether or not there would be sufficient properly trained mathematics and science teachers.

The working party said: "It remains a matter of concern that the decline in mathematics recorded for England and Wales is greater than for any

Crush hour for new Underground chief



Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, who was appointed yesterday as managing director of London Underground, takes the straphanging route to work and his new task of easing the Tube crush. Mr Tunnicliffe, aged 45, has joined London Regional Transport from British Airways, where he was a senior manager after six years as a BOAC pilot (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Stewards dispute threatens carnival

By Edward Gorman

Organizers of the Notting Hill Carnival, west London, have said that 500 stewards will not be provided for this year's event unless the police agree to provide 3,000 meals and accommodation for the men during the two-day festival.

Senior police officers described the demands as "judicious". They indicated last night that there was little prospect of either being met.

It appears unlikely that the two sides will be able to reach agreement in time for the carnival on the August Bank holiday weekend. A six-point public safety plan agreed last March is in jeopardy.

The police said last night: "The situation on stewards is unresolved and, most importantly, we still haven't seen a single steward yet."

They came up with demands like this, which they know we can't meet, doesn't help anybody. It influences the situation and creates expectations among people that something

is going to happen at carnival", a spokesman said. "It's not only a question of cost but logistics, and it's not something we can arrange at a week's notice."

Some observers said they believed the organizer, the Carnival Arts Committee (CAC), was deliberately putting forward unacceptable demands as part of a long-running campaign against what it claimed were attempts by the police to take over the running of the carnival.

Mr Victor Clithlow, CAC treasurer, refused to discuss the police objections which were contained in a letter he received yesterday. He said: "We're dealing with it."

A third demand, which the police said was also unacceptable, is that the stewards, not the police, should be responsible for arresting any gangs of "stealers" running through the crowds, snatching handbags and wallets, which was a feature of the carnival last

year. The police said this would amount to licensing groups of vigilantes.

"The police are trained to do this with a minimum amount of fuss and if it is not handled properly it could cause a lot more harm than good. We can't give our job over to stewards and let them enforce the law."

Meanwhile, the British Transport Police said yesterday that they would be drafting in officers from throughout Britain in an attempt to prevent "stealer" gangs from terrorizing Underground passengers. Up to 250 officers would be deployed at 12 stations.

The question of stewards has become the focal point of a breakdown between police and the carnival organizers in recent weeks over the wide-ranging public safety plan signed last March.

Under the agreement, the CAC guaranteed to provide 500 stewards for training and

instruction by the police. With the briefing of stewards and a dispute over the route of the children's carnival still outstanding, the six-point plan, which the police said was vital for public safety at an event expected to attract more than 1.5 million people, appears to be in jeopardy.

The police have made plans to bring in more than 1,500 extra officers, bringing the number available for the two days to about 10,000, to do the job of the stewards whether the CAC produces them or not.

Police fears of violence come after more than 1,000 serious crimes last year, including the murder of a man selling soft drinks, and recent warnings that the 8.30pm curfew, which was also agreed under the plan, could become a flashpoint for trouble.

Some of the worst violence last year happened when police moved in to close the event in the early evening.

Portfolio — PLUS NEW — Accumulator Welcome return

Mr John Anker, from Highgate, north London, received a welcome home present yesterday when he discovered he had won a half share in the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000. Mr Anker, aged 44, had been on holiday in Israel.

He plans to put his win towards private education for his sons, aged seven and nine.

The other winner was Mrs Margaret Lawrence, aged 57, from East Peckham, near Tonbridge, in Kent. She has been a Times reader for 30 years.

100 police join hunt for killers

By Craig Seton

One hundred police officers will be drafted into the centre of Birmingham today to step up the hunt for the killers of a Securicor guard a week ago.

Detectives and uniformed officers will question shoppers, pedestrians and motorists in the search for witnesses to the murder of Mr John Worwood, aged 44, stabbed last Wednesday as he delivered £5,000 to Barclays Bank. Securicor has offered £25,000 for information leading to the prosecution of the killers. The police are searching for two men, both black and possibly brothers, who stabbed Mr Worwood three times and critically wounded Mr Gerald Hall, aged 32, a window cleaner who went to help him. Mr Hall, from Halesowen, West Midlands, has stomach wounds.

Both men were stabbed by a knife with a 10in blade which has not been recovered. The attackers, aged between 20 and 23, fled empty handed. A man accused of murdering Mr Frank Mason, an off-duty policeman, during a bank raid in Hemel Hempstead, yesterday hurriedly fled to a magistrate who ruled that he had to be handcuffed in court. Charles McGhee and the other defendants then left. Mr McGhee, aged 30, of Gardeners Court, Luton, Perry Wharrie, aged 28, of Aislebury Road, Lee, south-east London, and James Huxley, aged 26, of Telcombe Way, Luton, are all charged with murder and robbery. The hearing continues.

Cleveland child abuse controversy

Social workers back chiefs

By Ian Smith

Mr Michael Bishop, the director of social services in Cleveland, will fight moves for his dismissal, prompted after a working party report criticized management deficiencies in his department.

Social workers also pledged to strike if either Mr Bishop or Mrs Sue Richardson, a child sexual abuse consultant, were dismissed.

The report, prepared by an 11-member working party of the Cleveland County Council, has been bitterly attacked and is known to have caused a rift in Labour Party ranks within the council. On Monday the ruling Labour group will decide whether the working party's recommendations should be enforced.

Two members of the working party have dissociated themselves from sections of the report because they believe media response to the Cleveland controversy has carried more weight than facts.

Both Mr Bishop and Mrs Richardson have been advised by senior representatives of the National and Local Government Officers' Association to make no comment. But immediately on learning of the report's conclusions, Mr Bishop contacted Mr Brian Roycroft, director of social services in neighbouring Newcastle.

Mr Roycroft, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said of Mr

Bishop: "He is a man who does not run away from problems. He says his top priority is not just to defend himself but to pull his department together. I believe he is right in thinking he is the best man to do this."

He was unable to comment on suggestions that discussions have started on redundancy payments, speculated as varying from £53,000 to £250,000.

Mr Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough, yesterday urged Mr Bishop to "do the honourable thing" and resign, while Mr Alan Jinkinson, deputy general secretary of Nalco, condemned the working party report as a "public relations" exercise.

Kidnap children 'with sect'

By Michael Horsnell

A police search was launched in the High Court yesterday for three children kidnapped by their Israeli father. It is feared they have been hidden with a small Orthodox Jewish sect in Britain.

The hunt for the two girls and one boy, missing since being taken from the pavement outside their school near Brussels on December 11, 1986, is being concentrated on Stamford Hill in north London; Gateshead, Tyne and Wear; and Manchester.

Mrs Justice Booth lifted reporting restrictions in the

High Court to help in the search for the father, Mr Chaim Edwar, aged 31, who now goes by the surname of Jarden. The children have been made wards of court.

The father is believed to have changed the names of the children, Marina, aged eight, Simon, seven, and Maria, aged six, to Sarah, Abraham and Rachel.

Scotland Yard said: "Inquiries have so far failed to reveal their whereabouts despite the assistance and co-operation by the various Jewish community leaders."

The Board of Deputies of British Jews and the office of the Chief Rabbi have been asked to help.

Mr Edwar, a carpenter, and his wife Patricia, who is a Roman Catholic, married in Belgium in 1979. In 1982 the family emigrated to Israel. Mr Edwar joined a strictly Orthodox Hasidic sect. The marriage broke down and in April 1983 Mrs Edwar returned to Belgium with the children.

She said yesterday: "I am confident they are in England and I shall carry on looking until I find them."

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Londoners are caught in an 'affluence trap'

North-South economic gap set to widen, says report

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Plans for a united Europe in 1992 and the arrival of the Channel tunnel in 1993 will drive a deeper wedge between England's affluent South-east and the rest of the country. But as the South-east triangle prospers, the quality of life for people living in London and the Home Counties will steadily worsen.

Overcrowding, the shortage of houses, congestion on the roads and the problems of commuting by train have already led 40 per cent of people in the South-east to say they would like to escape from the expense, the stress and the high crime rate. Mintel, a market research company says.

It has conducted a comprehensive survey of life in Britain today and says people living in London and its surrounds are caught in the "affluence trap", although they enjoy high wages, cars and other material comforts, they yearn for the tranquillity of the Yorkshire Dales and Devon countryside.

Mr Frank Fletcher, Mintel's research director, said that as matters stood, there was no prospect of the great divide between the South-east triangle and the rest of the country narrowing. If anything, the wedge would widen.

"The South-east is already out of step with the rest of the country in both social and economic terms. Northerners eat fish and chips, cakes and soups, while southerners eat a cosmopolitan mixture of food. Northerners don't like rapid changes in clothes fashions, while southerners do, to enable them to express themselves. Northerners go to pubs and drink beer, while southerners go to restaurants and drink gin and tonic. And all these things happen because of the socio-economic pressures."

"Southerners are involved in the affluence trap. They are materialistic and competitive in a way that northerners are not. Southerners are trying to keep up with the Joneses and greater competition means greater stress", Mr Fletcher said.

"Southerners are better off, but the quality of life leaves a lot to be desired. What turns on the yuppies and high-fliers of the South-east would put off the more conservative northerners."

Mr Fletcher defined "the South" as the triangle from Poole, Dorset, to Peterborough, taking in all of London and the south-east coastal areas.

Mintel's report says much of the blame for the divide must rest on the Government's shoulders - and problems could worsen when new

QUALITY OF LIFE: HOW CITIES RATE

Edinburgh	1	Derby	20
Aberdeen	2	Norwich	21
Plymouth	3	Birkenhead-Wallasey	22
Cardiff	4	Blackpool	23
Motherwell-Hamilton	5	Luton	24
Bradford	6	Glasgow	25
Reading	7	Bournemouth	26
Stoke on Trent	8	Leeds	27
Middlesbrough	9	Sunderland	28
Sheffield	10	Bolton	29
Oxford	11	Manchester	30
Leicester	12	Liverpool	31
Brighton	13	Nottingham	32
Portsmouth	14	Newcastle	33
Southampton	15	London	34
Southend	16	Wolverhampton	35
Hull	17	Coventry	36
Alershot-Farnborough	18	Walsall	37
Bristol	19	Birmingham	38

Source: University of Glasgow.

policies, now imminent, diversify the provision of education from one part of the country to another.

"Although many encouraging signs of industrial regeneration were noted in parts of the North - and there is no reason to suggest that the pockets of prosperity will not continue to flourish - the tilt of economic prosperity and political power to the South-east will continue", the report says.

New media developments will also enhance regional and local diversity, particularly the decentralized printing of national newspapers and the predicted onslaught of cable television.

The report says even regional accents are becoming more pronounced as local radio and television stations exert their influence. Their resurgence has been a marked cultural phenomenon since the Second World War. The tendency before then was towards standard southern English, in theory if not always in regional practice, and the BBC was a strong force in that direction.

However, starting with Wilfred Pickles reading the news during the war in a modified Yorkshire accent, the BBC has increasingly given rein to regional variations of standard English, the report says. Commercial television, too, has promoted regional accents and the youth culture of the 1960s and popularity of the Beatles and other groups have also fostered diversity.

On the quality of life in Britain, Mintel says that commuting renders virtually every other residential area in the country preferable to Greater London.

"The attractions of the metropolis may outweigh this particular factor but the horrors of the Northern Line on the Underground or the south-east section of British Rail are

unparalleled in any other part of the country."

Road traffic management is better in the North than in the South, and certainly better than in London. And although London is the prime tourist attraction for overseas visitors, the main natural attractions are in the north and west of England.

In a region-by-region examination of consumer attitudes, 48 per cent of those questioned by Mintel in London said they were financially better off than they were a year ago, compared with the national average of 41 per cent. Fifty per cent of northerners said they were worse off.

Using its own research and

On food, the report says southerners eat more cheese, fruit and vegetables, and northerners more potatoes, bread, cakes and soup, as well as above-average amounts of meat, fish and eggs. Scottish households spent more than average on alcohol, followed by the North, South-east, and North-west. Families in Greater London spent the most. In Northern Ireland the figure is far below average. The Scots appear to smoke more than most, and southerners to smoke least.

that of both official and private organizations, Mintel produced a list of what people regarded as the most important dimensions affecting their quality of life. Crime, violent or not, came top of the list, with health provision next; then pollution, the cost of living, shopping facilities, racial harmony, cost of housing, scenic quality and educational facilities.

Mintel then added the factors of employment prospects, wage levels, climate, sports facilities, commuting time, leisure facilities, quality of council housing, access to council housing and the cost

of rents to find Britain's top-ranked cities.

Edinburgh headed the league, with Aberdeen second and Plymouth third. London was ranked thirty-fourth, just above Wolverhampton, Coventry, Walsall and Birmingham.

London had the highest proportion of people who wished to move to another part of the country if possible (41 per cent). In contrast, only 15 per cent of people questioned in the South-west felt the same way.

People living in Scotland, Wales and the west of England were most worried about the prospect of unemployment (41 per cent). Londoners were the least worried (71 per cent were unconcerned).

A significant increase in car ownership is shown in the report. In Greater London, 42.4 per cent of all households own one car, while 12.5 per cent own two cars and 2.3 per cent three or more. In East Anglia, 52.7 per cent of households own one car and 17.8 per cent two. In the South-west, 48.1 per cent own one car and 19.6 per cent two. The lowest density of two-car families is the North (7.9 per cent).

Colour television sets are owned by 85 per cent of households in the UK, while 28 per cent own videos. Television is the universal indoor leisure pursuit all over the UK.

On average, 89 per cent of people said their top audio-visual pleasure was watching television, followed by listening to the radio (50 per cent), playing records and tapes (37 per cent), watching videoed television (29 per cent), watching video cassettes (19 per cent), listening to the radio or cassettes in the car (20 per cent) and using a home computer (6 per cent).

The Scots spend more time watching television than other groups, the report says. On average, 21 per cent of Scots said they watched more than seven hours a day. People in East Anglia watched the least television.

Other leisure pursuits show even sharper regional differences. Cricket is hardly played in Scotland and tends to be more popular in the South than in the North, "although it continues to have quasi-religious status in Yorkshire".

Rugby League is the game of Lancashire and Yorkshire, while Rugby Union is played in the South. Bowls is played on a crown green in the North and on a flat surface in the South. Lacrosse is a peculiarity of Lancashire and Cheshire.

The report says the Scots have a higher propensity for outdoor activities than the English or Welsh, but adds that Scots are closer to suitable countryside.

That is particularly true of golf. It is a game more generally played in Scotland, which is its home, "and does not have the middle-class connotations there that it has south of the border".

Mintel Regional Lifestyles Report 1988 (KAE House, 7 Arundel Street, London, WC2, £550).

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UK HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE 1985-86

(Figures refer to % of income)

	Housing	Fuel	Food	Drink	Tobacco	Clothes	Durable	Other	Transport
Scotland	12.9	6.5	21.0	5.5	3.8	8.1	7.6	25.5	
Wales	14.0	7.1	21.4	5.3	3.1	7.8	8.1	27.2	
N Ireland	12.9	9.5	22.4	3.2	3.2	9.7	4.8	27.4	
England	17.2	5.8	19.6	4.7	2.5	7.3	7.5	27.8	
North	15.0	6.8	21.4	4.5	3.5	9.0	6.6	24.4	
North West	16.5	6.4	20.5	5.4	3.2	7.5	6.5	26.8	
Yorkshire/Humber	15.8	6.6	20.8	5.2	2.6	7.4	7.4	26.4	
W Midlands	16.6	6.4	20.8	4.8	2.7	8.0	7.0	25.9	
E Midlands	15.8	6.2	20.7	5.1	2.9	6.8	7.0	27.4	
E Anglia	17.0	6.2	19.5	4.2	2.1	6.8	7.9	27.4	
South West	17.2	6.0	19.3	4.0	2.3	6.3	7.7	28.2	
South East	18.5	5.0	18.4	4.2	2.0	7.2	8.2	28.0	
UK	16.6	6.0	19.9	4.7	2.6	7.5	7.5	27.5	

Average over two year period

Source: Family Expenditure Survey

Two householders in three own their homes

Nearly two-thirds of Britain's householders own their homes, the proportion being highest in the South and lowest in Scotland.

A 1986 survey showed 71.1 per cent of homes in southern areas excluding London were owner-occupied, compared with a national figure of 63 per cent. The figure for Greater London alone was 55.8 per cent.

The figure was 70.4 per cent in the South-west, 67.5 in east Midlands and Wales, and 55.9 in the North. In Scotland, with its strong tradition of public

housing, home ownership is 42.1 per cent.

Average house prices rose by 85 per cent between 1980 and the second quarter of 1987. Greater London house prices soared by 125 per cent, compared with rises of 55 per cent in the North, 66 per cent in Scotland, 61 per cent in Wales and 39 per cent in Northern Ireland.

About 70 per cent of British homes had central heating, the highest proportion being in the South-east. It was found in fewer Scottish homes than anywhere else.

North joins the South in kitchen luxury

Households in the South and in Scotland are most likely to own kitchen gadgets such as coffee makers, food processors and toasters, the report discloses.

And a study based on television areas showed that homes in the Granada region had the fewest kitchen appliances.

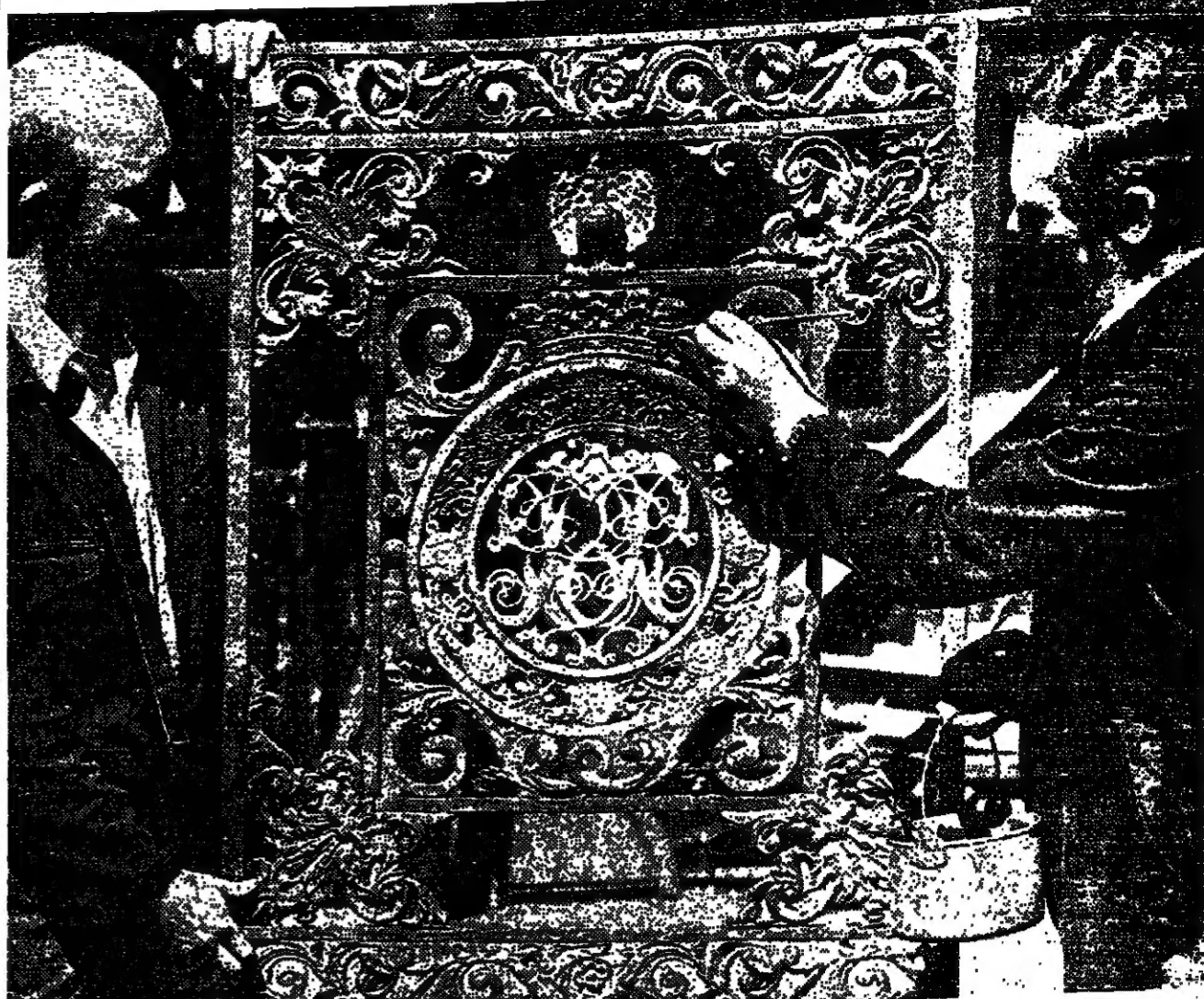
Mintel's own survey, conducted in 1986 among 968 British households, showed 57 per cent of homes had an electric food mixer, 52 per cent an electric toaster, and 49 per cent an electric blender.

The largest number of blenders, coffee makers, carving knives and food processors were found in the London and TV5 television areas. But Scottish homes owned the most electric toasters, sandwich-makers, deep-fat fryers, and electric can-openers.

Ownership of microwave ovens appeared to have doubled between 1985 and 1987; they have found their way into 35 per cent of homes.

Another survey conducted last year showed southern homes had the best equipped bathrooms.

New life for Belvoir's railings



The scrollwork of the iron railings from the flag tower of Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire, home of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, undergoes restoration at the expert hands of Keith Blackney, and Jim Kennedy, two of the craftsmen who work at the English Heritage ornamental smithy in Regent's Park, London (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

SLD skill training package

Call to scrap part-time fees

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Fees for part-time degree courses should be abolished to encourage more companies to release staff for extra study, the Social and Liberal Democrats said yesterday as they unveiled a £3.2 billion package aimed at tackling skill shortages.

Party leaders said that Britain's future economic prosperity was jeopardized by the failure to match the efforts of foreign competitors.

Mr Ian Wigglesworth, SLD president, said that the new discussion paper, to be debated at next month's party conference, was a devastating indictment of the Government's record.

"They have had the resources from North Sea oil and from selling off state assets to invest in our children and our future. The record shows how miserably they have failed the country and they have not provided the skilled manpower to carry forward not only industry but the whole education and training system itself."

Mrs Ann Sofer, chairman of the working group which drew up the paper, said that unless

urgent action was taken Britain was on the "slippery slope to ruin".

The SLD backed up its claims by quoting independent figures showing that school examination standards had shown no improvement since 1983 and that Germany and France were forging ahead in training young people for work.

In West Germany, 60 per cent of the 18 to 20 age group had skilled vocational qualifications or had reached the entry standard for sub-degree courses, against fewer than 20 per cent in England.

France planned that by the end of the century about 70 per cent of those in the same age group should be qualified to degree course entry standard. Britain intended little improvement beyond its present level of just over 10 per cent.

Mrs Sofer said that scrapping fees would be a particular inducement to employers to work with local colleges to devise "custom-built" degree courses for their employees. At present, companies or individuals had to pay.

She predicted that within five years, the numbers studying part-time would double, increasing further as employers came to see the attractions of the new subsidy. Mrs Sofer also called for:

● A statutory framework obliging all employers of people aged 16 and 17 to train them to nationally recognized standards. Only one in four YTS trainees left with some kind of vocational qualification;

● Far more ambitious training and educational standards for the year 2000.

● Formation of state-funded training forums to disseminate information and monitor course quality.

Mrs Sofer said the costs of the party's recommendations were covered by the pledges made by the Alliance at the last election when it called for increased spending rising to £3.2 billion a year after five years on skill training, schools and higher education.

Skill shortages - The Learning Society (SLD, 4 Cowley Street, London SW1P 3NB). £2.50.

BBC autumn line-up

Sinatra coup for Clive James

An interview with Frank Sinatra is one of the highlights of BBC1's £62 million schedule of programmes for the autumn.

The engagement allows Clive James to realize a lifelong wish to interview the singer. The appearance will be on James's first programme for the corporation since he left independent television.

Sinatra allowed BBC cameras into his dressing room after a concert in the Australian resort of Sanctuary Cove. BBC1's controller Jonathan Powell announcing the programmes yesterday, said that the channel was "leading with laughter".

The schedule includes 15 new comedy and variety shows. There are new Saturday night programmes for Esther Rantzen and Noel Edmonds, and the actresses Emma Thompson and Kathy Staff are given their own comedy programmes. David Essex will also star in a situation comedy series.

Miss Thompson, voted best actress by the British Academy and best newcomer by the Variety Club of Great Britain for her roles in *For*

tunes of War and *Tutti Frutti*, has written her own comedy series.

It has a different cast each week including her mother Phyllida Law, Kenneth Branagh, Robbie Coltrane, Stephen Moore and Prunella Scales.

Noel Edmonds returns on Saturday nights with a new family show, *The Noel Edmonds Saturday Road Show*, and Esther Rantzen switches to Saturday nights for *Hearts of Gold* in which she meets the using heroes and heroines of everyday life.

Kathy Staff returns as Nora Barry in the tenth series of *Last of the Summer Wine* and also stars in her own situation comedy *No Frills*.

Other stars in more than 400 hours of new BBC1 programmes include Lennox Henry, Russ Abbot, Bob Monkhouse, Les Dawson and Ian Botham, who joins *A Question of Sport* as the third team captain.

Paul McCartney joins the BBC's documentary team to visit centres for handicapped children where music therapy is breaking down barriers.

Terry Wogan continues to be host of a chat show three times a week with guests including Sylvester Stallone, the actor.

Films being given their TV premieres on BBC 1 during the autumn include *Witness* starring Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis, *Flesh* starring Chevy Chase, and *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock*, with the crew of the Starship Enterprise captained by William Shatner.

For sports fans there will be full coverage of the Olympic Games from Seoul.

Last week the BBC unveiled a £76 million package of new drama productions for its two networks during the winter.

Clive James said he jumped at the chance to be host of the show and also thought that Sinatra's appearance would be a good subject for a documentary. He had not appeared in Australia since the country's press reports had upset him during his last tour.

James, a fan since 1954, added: "I think the secret about Frank Sinatra is that there is no secret. He just loves to sing songs."

RAF fleet of gliders grounded

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

All the gliders operated by the RAF Air Training Corps have been grounded after the discovery of cracks during safety tests.

One hundred new Grob 3 gliders had been bought from a West German company about a year ago. One was handed over to a Yorkshire firm, Slingsby Aviation, for "destruction tests".

The RAF said yesterday that after 15,000 simulated launches, a crack invisible to the naked eye, appeared on a bracket on the wing spar where it joins the fuselage.

The 100 gliders, based at the 17 ATC locations in the United Kingdom, were grounded. The RAF said it had talked to the manufacturers and the company had agreed to introduce a small modification. It hopes that by next month the whole fleet will have been modified and returned to service.

Flying squad

Metropolitan Police traffic officers are to use helicopters to monitor speeding drivers next month. Using ground markers, the helicopter crew will time motorists over selected distances on the A3, M4 and M25, and pinpoint their speed.

Women's first

Mrs Petula Parks, aged 39, and Mrs Susan Turner, aged 34, have been elected to the committee of Lane End Working Men's Club at Chapel-town, South Yorkshire - the first women to serve on the committee since the club was formed in 1864.

Baby charge

Larkland Francis, an electrician aged 45 of Dog Kennel Hill, East Dulwich, south London, was remanded in custody for a week yesterday at Camberwell Magistrates' Court, charged with murdering Winifred Agwu, aged 17 months. His is also accused of attempting to murder the child's mother.

Golden touch

James Harries, aged 10, has asked Mrs Margaret Thatcher to the opening of his antique shop in Cardiff. The boy, of Penylan, Cardiff, has a collection worth £7,000, made up of items bought for a few pence. His parents will run the shop while he acts as a "buyer".

Chief chosen

Mr Nigel Whiskin, aged 51, assistant director of National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, is to become the first chief executive of Crime Concern, a national group launched this summer to co-ordinate crime prevention programmes.

Club trouble

Mr Jackie McGuire, aged 92, is facing disciplinary action at his Pelton Fell working men's club in County Durham for rowdy behaviour. The club secretary, Mr Arthur Clark, said yesterday that Mr McGuire may be banned permanently.

Buses crash

Nine children were taken to hospital yesterday after a crash involving three buses carrying 60 school pupils on the A3 underpass near Kingston, south-west London.

Festival boat song of an avant-garde Macbeth

By Andrew Billen

After 40 years, terra firma's monopoly on the Edinburgh Festival has ended with a bizarre staging of *Macbeth* that takes audiences on a boat trip from the city to a nearby island.

After the first of three performances, *Towards Macbeth - A Prologue*, at £25 a ticket, had yesterday divided theatre-goers.

Some claim that Monday night's premiere had provided an insight into the creative process that also illuminated a cultural tradition shared by the Italian and British cast members. Others argued, with equal passion, that the production was a travesty of the Bard's masterpiece.

Towards Macbeth is a collaboration between Mr Richard Demarco, an Edinburgh gallery owner and Mr Carlo Quartici, whose Sicilian company, Zattera di Babele, Mr Demarco spotted at the 1984 Venice Biennale.

It began with more than 100 ticket holders being

robbed in heavy rugs and led up the stairs to the attic of Mr Demarco's city centre gallery. There three young women, dressed in shimmering evening dress, improvised the witches' speeches, one playing a flute, another in an erotic dance, and a third reading a paperback book play.

On a wall above was projected what appeared to be a collection of holiday slides which represented, according to the programme, the great theatres of history in Scotland.

After 30 minutes - although it felt rather longer - the audience was led downstairs and into three coaches which would take them to the boat.

As the buses became enmeshed in the rush hour, it looked as if the curse of the Scottish play had struck. Mr Demarco walked the length of his coach confiding that never, in all his years, had he seen such traffic.

The drivers turned up Verdi's *Macbeth* on their tape systems. Act

two was beginning to make act one look well paced.

However, by 6.45pm the party had boarded the *Maid Of The Forth* and, accompanied by avant-garde bursts of trumpet and trombone, was heading for Inchcolm, an island lying, so the programme said, "only nine miles from the front door" of the Demarco gallery.

Disembarking on the island, the audience was led to the cloisters of the old Templar Abbey set against the golden clouds of a peerless summer sky. However, the production then proceeded to become more fragmentary.

Extracts of different versions of the play were performed by musicians, singers and actors including Mr John Bett, a Scottish comedian whose scarf and grimaces suggested he could find work as the next Dr Who.

With the audience still cloaked and kneeling on the stone floor of the

Chapter House, Miss Carla Tucci, a blonde Italian actress, and Miss Juliet Cadzow, who is Scottish and dark, performed a schizophrenic semi-simultaneous translation of further Shakespearean goblets in Italian and English.

To add to the growing feeling of artificiality, despite the authenticity of the wild Scottish setting, a dozen television sets were dotted around the abbey showing clips from film versions of the play.

Mr Demarco, who has nevertheless convinced some critics, is hoping for further divine collaboration tomorrow for the final performance. The show is not being subsidized and must sell every one of its 200 tickets to break even.

Either way Mr Demarco who is sure that he has placed Inchcolm permanently on the festival map, is determined to bring back a full scale Italian version of the play this time next year.

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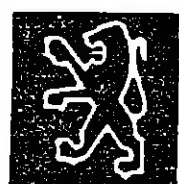
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Counting cost of Gulf peace

UN sets members a \$75 m target for truce force fund

New York (AP) — The United Nations General Assembly convened yesterday to raise from its members the \$75.6 million (\$44.2 million) needed to support the 1,300 personnel of a special force that will monitor the ceasefire in the Gulf War.

"Now there exists a real chance to settle the eight-year-old conflict, which has caused immense human suffering and enormous material damage," by political means," the General Assembly's current president, Herr Peter Florin of East Germany, said in reconvening the Assembly.

Iraq and Iran have agreed to begin the ceasefire on Saturday.

"It is essential that by that time UN military observers should be on the ground... to verify, confirm and supervise the ceasefire and withdrawal," the UN Secretary-General, Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuellar said. "Most of the main body of observers and of signal personnel are due to reach the mission area today or tomorrow."

Herr Florin referred the funding request to the General Assembly's budget committee. UN officials anticipated no problems in passing the levy.

The cash-strapped world body expects to conclude its emergency sessions on the matter today. On Monday, a United Nations report said that the General Assembly should assess its 159 members

a total of \$75.6 million to finance the truce-monitoring effort for six months. The Security Council created the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group a week ago.

According to the report, about 350 members of the Iran-Iraq observation group will be unarmed military observers. Another 615 will be military personnel. Another 350 will be civilian staff.

Preparations also are under way for the first UN naval force, which will patrol the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway, where the war broke out in September, 1980. Iraq invaded Iran after weeks of skirmishes between the two countries along the border.

The United States, which is assessed one-quarter of the UN budget, is expected to be asked to pay \$23 million for the peacekeeping operation.

American officials said the Government wants Arab countries and Japan to donate extra funds to the force, since they are key beneficiaries of peace in the region. Japan buys most of its oil from the

Gulf region. In April, Tokyo pledged \$20 million to the United Nations for peacekeeping forces, half to be used in the Gulf and half in Afghanistan.

The United Nations is facing its worst financial crisis because of arrears by its members, especially the US, which owes \$467 million of its regular assessment of \$602 million a year.

Washington also owes \$70 million in back dues for peacekeeping forces. The US has been withholding dues in an effort to compel the world organization to institute budgetary reforms, cut personnel and improve efficiency.

● **Kurdish battles:** Intensified fighting was reported yesterday between the Iraqi Army and Kurdish separatist guerrillas in the mountainous Margasur and Rawanduz districts of Iraqi Kurdistan, a region that juts into Iran and Turkey (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

Thousands of Iraqi Kurdish guerrillas and civilians were heading for the Turkish border where the Turkish Army

units had orders to hand them over to Iran. Before its recent decision to settle for a negotiated end to the Gulf War, Iran supported Iraq's Kurds.

In a telex to his representatives in Europe, Mr Massud Barzani, one of the leaders of Iraqi Kurds, said that the latest attempt by the Iraqi Army to break through the lines of his Kurdistan Democratic Party forces started on Friday and lasted for three days.

By Monday, the offensive had been stopped and the Iraqi Army pushed back to its starting point leaving behind more than 500 dead. He said 54 Kurds had also died, "mainly from poison gas".

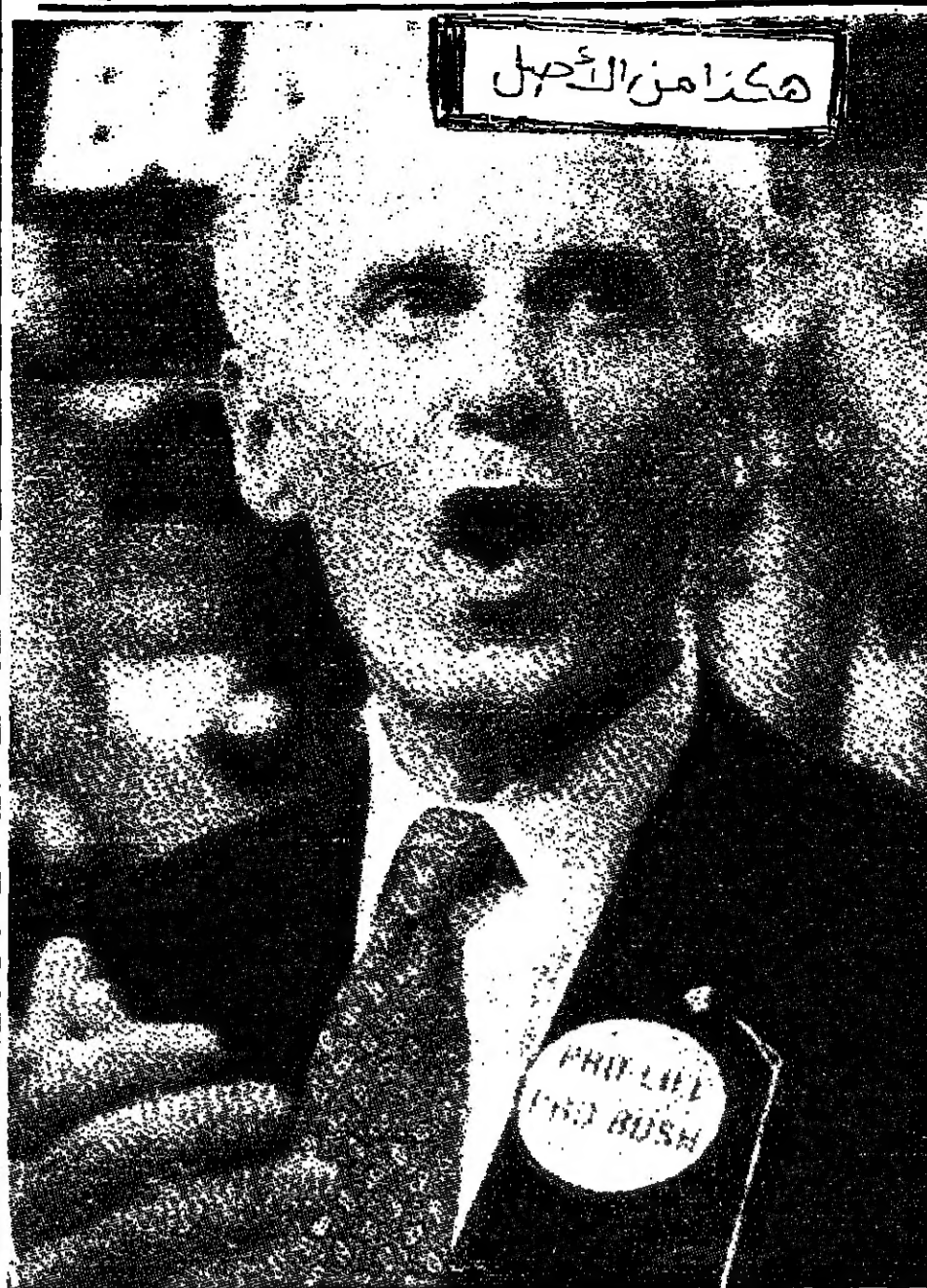
Fifty Iraqis had been taken prisoner and large numbers of weapons captured. A helicopter gunship had also been brought down "with a surface-to-air missile".

Mr Barzani added that 1,000 more Kurdish families had been made homeless by the latest Iraqi offensive. They were now heading for Iran and Turkey in search of refuge.

In Turkey, a source close to the Government described the policy of handing the Kurdish refugees over to Iran as "humanitarian act", implying that the only alternative would have been to hand them back to Iraq.

Turkey has an estimated 10 million Kurds living in its south-eastern provinces, but it denies their separate ethnic character.

Republicans' winking red light keeps orators on their toes



Senator Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire at the New Orleans convention. He is one of many hopeful Republicans being mentioned as a running mate for Mr George Bush.

Sinking feelings on the podium

From Christopher Thomas New Orleans

Beneath every speaker at the Republican National Convention there lies a devilish threat of humiliation, oblivion and disgrace — a hydraulic lift to lower them mercilessly into the fires of political purgatory if they talk too much.

The deadly sin of ignoring the red "stop talking" light upsets the machine-like rhythm of this made-for-television occasion, in which every minute of every day is pre-arranged and pre-packaged for the big networks.

Five minutes is the limit for ordinary speakers. More than that, and down they go. The very demeaning prospect of disappearing into the bowels of the Louisiana Superdome has concentrated the minds of orators wonderfully, and it is amazing how quickly they react to the red light that winks wickedly at them.

Even in the midst of a thunderous attempt at a Churchillian performance there is an abrupt, startling silence as the lecturer is hurriedly abandoned.

Everybody remembers the utterly boring, selfish diatribe — Republican words — of Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton's oratorical ramble at the Democratic National Convention last month, which overran by 15 minutes and resulted in hisses, boos and foot-stomping protests. "I blew it," he later admitted.

His deadly performance is the sole reason the Republicans installed a lift, which is out of sight of the convention floor but is a very real, ominous presence to the procession of delegates who stand shakily upon it. The convention is consequently on time to the very second.

The gathering sails majestically into its third and penultimate day today bang on cue. There has been no demur or discord, no serious rebellion, no real debate, cut and thrust, or, for that matter, any real purpose at all other than to promote the most wonderfully spectacular week-long television advertisement imaginable.

Limiting the logicians has been a big part of the clockwork efficiency. Every speech had to be submitted in advance for tidying up, polishing, approval and, if necessary, cutting to keep it to the time limit.

For well-known speakers assured of national attention, the wordsmiths are especially important. The likes of General Alexander Haig, Mrs Elizabeth Dole and Governor Thomas Kean of New Jersey have been banging on writers' hotel-room doors to borrow a cup of inspiration.

"The mood that comes out of the convention addresses is more important than what is said," Mr Landon Parvin, who often writes speeches for Mrs Nancy Reagan, ventured. Peggy Noonan, who has been working on Vice President George Bush's acceptance speech, talks like she writes — in breathless imagery. "If speechwriting is a tributary on the river of American prose," she said, "then the acceptance speech is the big showboat, the big old paddle-wheel boat that is an unforgettable sight."

The speechwriters act as censors, too. They fought and wrestled with Senator John McCain of Arizona, who wanted to make some choice remarks about Ann Richards — the Democratic Convention keynote speaker who brought the house down with her cutting remark that "Poor George" was born with the silver foot in his mouth.

The senator had to settle for a joke about Governor Michael Dukakis "who thinks the BI is a vitamin and the Midgetman is anybody shorter than he is".

Having buffed the adjectives and excised the insults, the speechwriters have honed the speaker's performances down to a rigid statistic: 11 per cent of speaking time will be filled by Americans of Hispanic descent; 13 per cent by blacks; 40 per cent by women. Not one, as of yesterday, had ignored the winking red light.

South Africa shelves ban on foreign 'political' funds

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

The South African Government, after intense lobbying by Western European countries, appears to have shelved indefinitely legislation that would have enabled Pretoria to ban the receipt of foreign funds by any organization or individual deemed to be pursuing "political" purposes.

The draft law, entitled the Promotion of Orderly Internal Politics Bill, which was published early in March, was not debated by Parliament before it adjourned at the start of last month. It is not due to be considered when Parliament resumes for a short second session on August 22.

It is one of the rare instances of foreign pressure actually persuading Pretoria to think again. The pressure included a joint *démarche* (measure) by the 12 EEC member states not long after the Bill was first tabled, and strong representations by individual European countries from inside and outside the Community.

These approaches are said to

have included threats by West Germany to cancel landing rights for South African Airways and by the normally docile Swiss to stop selling South African gold. Significantly, these countries, with Britain, have been among those most reluctant to impose economic sanctions on Pretoria.

One of the arguments used by London is that foreign governments and companies can contribute most effectively to change in South Africa both by funding anti-apartheid organizations and practical projects aimed at improving black educational opportunities and economic advancement.

It is estimated that about £130 million was injected into South Africa by Western governments and other bodies in grants and aid last year, much of it going to groups considered by Pretoria to be enemies of the state. President Botha set out the official view of such assistance in a newspaper interview earlier this year.

He said: "I say it is subversive to create alternative organizations in South Africa for the education of

people, for local government, for economic development, which are designed to subvert the Government. Some of these funds are used to protect people who destroy the very lives of others who want to go to work and want to live normal lives."

The EEC's decision to set up a

Johannesburg — South African armed forces claimed yesterday to have killed 14 guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organization over the past seven days (Michael Hornsby writes). The guerrillas had been killed in a series of "skirmishes" in the far northern region of Namibia, the disputed territory which is also known as South-West Africa.

special programme of financial assistance to the "victims of apartheid", which is separate from aid given by governments individually, was taken at the end of 1985.

It was seen as a positive way of signalling the EEC's collective disapproval of the South African Government that all member

states, including those opposed to economic sanctions, could subscribe to.

EEC funds are channelled through the South African Council of Churches and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, both of which are outspoken opponents of the Government, and the Kagiso Trust, which includes on its board Archbishop Desmond Tutu, of the Anglican Church, Archbishop Denis Hurley, of the Roman Catholic Church, and Dr Allan Boesak, of the mixed-race section of the Dutch Reformed Church.

It was agreed between the Community and the South African recipients that the funds should not go to any government organs, projects controlled by the Pretoria-sponsored tribal homeland administrations, or health or social welfare programmes that the Administration itself ought to be paying for.

In 1986-87, the European Parliament approved aid of 34.7 million European currency units (ecus) (about £23 million). A sum

of 25 million ecus has been approved by the Parliament for 1988-89. About half of that will go to the churches, two-fifths to the Kagiso Trust and the rest to black trade unions.

Among projects being funded by the Community are rural dress-making and brick-manufacturing co-operatives, private clinics and crèches in the black townships, black-run anti-Government newspapers, courses in adult literacy, teacher-training schemes and provision of student bursaries.

Mr Achmat Dangor, a former executive in a cosmetic company who runs the Kagiso Trust, said: "The educational assistance is aimed especially at students whose schooling has been disrupted by violence in the townships or by periods in jail as a result of their political activities."

EEC funds are also used to pay for the legal defence of people charged with essentially political offences, such as treason and sedition.

Links between the South African "partners", as the council of

churches, the bishops' conference and the Kagiso Trust are collectively known, and the European Commission were broken off between April and October, 1987, because it was felt here that the EEC side was trying to exert too much influence over the purposes for which aid was used. There have been no serious problems since then.

Mr Dangor said that that hiatus was caused mainly by pressure on the Commission from Britain. London felt that the disbursement of Community funds in South Africa was too much under the control of people who were closely associated with the United Democratic Front, the broad, multiracial anti-apartheid alliance which shares the political aims of the outlawed ANC.

The British argued that rival black consciousness groups were not getting a fair share of funds, and also wanted the Natal-based, Zulu-dominated Inkatha organization of Chief Mangosuthu Buthe to be included among the aid recipients.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Miners on strike for Solidarity

Warsaw (Reuters) — Coal miners declared an occupation strike in southern Poland yesterday and several hundred police sealed off the mine.

Mr Stanislaw Paszek, a member of the strike committee, who left of the mine, said by telephone that the director of the Manifest Lipowcy mine in Jastrzebie, near Katowice, had ordered all production stopped until further notice.

The miners are demanding recognition of the outlawed Solidarity union. Mr Paszek said from a house belonging to the Roman Catholic church close to the mine: "We have decided to continue and will not surrender to threats. We would like other mines to join us in our rightful struggle."

Opposition sources earlier said that the miners had formed a strike committee which had made 20 demands, including better pay and conditions and reinstatement of sacked colleagues as well as recognition for Solidarity throughout Poland. Mr Stanislaw Blachnicki, deputy chairman of the official miner's union, said that his organization was not responsible for the action.

Reprieve for Chun

Seoul — The South Korean Justice Ministry has rejected an opposition parliamentary motion — boycotted by the ruling Democratic Justice Party — banning former President Chun and his wife from leaving the country pending investigations into alleged corruption (Gavin Bell writes). The ministry yesterday accepted the restriction order on 14 of their relatives, but exempted the Chuns "as a matter of courtesy".

● **Summons rejected:** Former President Choi Kyu Ha said he would refuse to testify before a parliamentary panel about the rise of his successor, President Chun.

Singapore charges

Singapore (Reuters) — Mr Francis Seow, the former Singapore Solicitor General, left, freed last month after 72 days in detention, was charged in court yesterday with tax evasion involving sums amounting to about \$21,500. No plea was taken and the hearing was adjourned until September 6. Mr Seow was arrested after he and US diplomats were accused of trying to lead disgruntled lawyers into opposition politics.

US babies booming

Washington — Americans had more babies last year — 3.82 million — than in any year since 1964 and had the lowest marriage and divorce rates in more than a decade (Molsin Ali writes). Birth rate was 66.1 per thousand, about half the rate of the 1950s baby-boom peak.

The National Centre for Health Statistics, in its preliminary statistical summary for 1987, for the first time included figures for Aids, estimating between 12,450 and 13,820 deaths for the year. That would put Aids 15th, ahead of birth defects, among causes of death for Americans.

Afghan rebels 'attack Soviet weapons dump'

By Our Foreign Staff

A rocket attack by Afghan rebels set off massive explosions in a Soviet arms dump in Afghanistan, killing scores of soldiers and civilians, according to rebel groups.

There was no independent confirmation, but the groups said the attack at the Kilgaya camp in Baghlan province, north of Kabul, was on Sunday or Monday.

Spokesmen for the groups, based in Pakistan, said that exploding rockets and shells had showered down up to six miles away.

Western diplomats in Islamabad said they had no knowledge of this attack, although one said Kilgaya was hit by rockets on an earlier date — August 8 or 9.

Diplomats said the base, about 100 miles from Kabul on the main route to the Soviet Union, held a two-year supply of munitions for the Kabul Government and substantial fuel reserves.

In Moscow, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said he knew nothing about any attack. In other claims, the guerrillas said yesterday that they had taken two provincial capitals in northern Afghanistan, despite a statement by the Afghan Government that its

forces had wrested back one of them.

Two Mujahidin resistance groups said their fighters were holding on to the provincial capital of Kunduz despite heavy bombardment by Afghan government forces.

The guerrillas also said they had captured Taloan, the capital of Takhar province east of Kunduz, on August 12. But President Najibullah told visiting Western journalists on Monday in Kabul that "Kunduz is now in the hands of the armed forces of Afghanistan", according to an official radio transcript.

Soviet generals, reporting on the halfway point of their military withdrawal, said the Soviet Army remained in only six of Afghanistan's 31 provinces. They said the rebels had briefly taken some provincial capitals only to lose them again quickly.

Western diplomatic sources said yesterday that combined Mujahidin forces fought their way into Kunduz on August 9, just 48 hours after the Soviet withdrawal from the area. They captured the main prison there and freed all the prisoners but government troops held onto the airport.

The guerrillas confirmed

Tanks in Rangoon as leader is chosen

Bangkok (Reuters) — Burmese troops backed by light tanks moved into central Rangoon yesterday to deter any new protests against the Government as it prepared to choose a third leader in a month.

Diplomats based in the capital, contacted from Bangkok, said that a column of lorries carrying soldiers had moved into the city centre, with light tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

It was the first time troops had appeared in such strength there since U Ne Win resigned as the Burmese leader on Friday after just 18 days in power, bringing to an end the bloody protests his appointment had sparked.

"It's fairly quiet, but very tense," one diplomat said. Others said posters had called for new protests today to put pressure on the Burmese Socialist Programme Party and Parliament when they choose a new leader on Friday.

The diplomats said it was hard to see any candidate who would satisfy students leading the prolonged agitation against the ruling Party.

They said that nothing short of the dismantling of Burma's only political organization would satisfy the students, whose earlier protests forced U Ne Win to resign on July 23.

"The crucial question is how much of a concession the party feels it has to make to pacify the general population, knowing that nothing it does short of suicide will satisfy the students," one said.

Under U Ne Win's autocratic 26-year rule, Burma, once one of Asia's richer countries, became one of the world's poorest.

A wave of protest throughout the country this year exploded in a national insurrection last week which diplomats said left hundreds dead.

Posters read avidly by the people of Rangoon continued to urge opposition and non-co-operation with the authorities, especially around Rangoon General Hospital, which had become a rallying point for anti-government feeling, the diplomats said.

● **Detainees released:** Burmese authorities yesterday released 51 people arrested during last week's anti-government demonstrations in Rangoon, according to the state-run radio (AP reports).

Radio Rangoon said that 51 people, including ten women students, were freed from Insein prison and handed over to parents and guardians and that 30 people arrested in Pegu, 45 miles north-east of Rangoon, had been freed on Sunday.

Khartoum's island farmers hold their ground

From Andrew Beckoke Tuti Island, Khartoum

On Tuti Island, opposite central Khartoum on the Blue Nile just above the junction with the White Nile, the flood waters gently lap at the sandbags piled up to protect the lower-lying houses. The fine groves for which the island is famous are already half submerged.

A two-foot rise in the Blue Nile at the Ethiopian border two days ago has rekindled fears of the river bursting its banks in Khartoum in the next few days, adding a second disaster to that caused by the torrential rains and flash floods that destroyed 100,000 houses and left a million homeless 11 days ago. The

30,000 people who live on Tuti have rejected suggestions that they should leave however.

As the level of the river normally rises throughout August, they may not be wrong, though serious concern remains. An official at the Ministry of Irrigation said: "All these stories about opening the sluices are rubbish. They've been open as normal since June."

Reports last week that the sluices on the Roseires and Senna dams had been opened to relieve pressure on the structures provoked sensational predictions that much of Khartoum would be submerged in days, if not hours.

The ministry monitors Nile flows daily, and although there was a

dramatic rise from 52.6 ft to 53.6 ft on Sunday, the level remained at 53.8 ft yesterday, the same as on Monday, and slightly below the level at this time in 1946, when last there was serious flooding in Khartoum. It is still more than 3 ft below the level it would have to reach to enter central Khartoum.

Far from having to be opened, the ministry official said, "the sluices could be used for the attenuation of the floods".

The level at the Roseires dam is more than 3 ft below its highest point this year, on August 8, and could be raised a further 35.7 ft.

It is in fact normal for the sluices at Roseires, which provides much of the country's electricity, to be closed

between September 1 and September 26, to fill the dam to capacity.

The risk of flooding remains however, and the ministry advises vigilance and caution.

The main imponderable is how much rain will fall in Sudan or the Ethiopian Highlands, which feed the headwaters of the Blue Nile, between now and the end of August. If Khartoum's record in the past 11 days — in which the 8 ins which fell on August 5 and August 6 were followed by 2.3 ins on Saturday and 2.7 ins yesterday, compared to an average rainfall of less than 5.8 ins a year — were extended to the whole region, massive flooding would be inevitable.

But Khartoum's heavy rainfall,

though disastrous for the hundreds of thousands still without shelter, has not been general throughout the country.

Further heavy rain in Ethiopia could be much more serious according to the ministry official. Mr Abdul Hamed, a citrus grower on Tuti, is unconcerned. The silt "is good for the lemons; it makes them grow very strong", he said.

Downstream from Tuti the force of the Blue Nile effectively dams the White Nile, which has spread into a great, almost currentless, lake.

This happens regularly when the much faster flow of the Blue Nile is high, and the resulting flooding has few serious effects.

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Turmoil follows Franjeh's bid for power



Mr Franjeh: Backed by the Syrian forces.

Beirut (AP) — Mr Suleiman Franjeh, Lebanon's President when civil war broke out 13 years ago, announced yesterday that he would seek a new term, triggering a political crisis that could delay tomorrow's selection of a new President.

Mr Franjeh, a Maronite Catholic, is Syria's closest Christian ally in Lebanon. He was President from 1963 to 1976.

Under the Constitution, the President is elected by Parliament. To win, a candidate must receive a two-thirds majority in the first ballot, or a simple majority in the second ballot.

Mr Franjeh's plans to seek office again prompted several parliamentarians to threaten a boycott tomorrow of Parliament's first presidential election in six years.

The radio announcement was carried by the Voice of Unified Free Lebanon, which Mr Franjeh controls, and was made at Ehden, his home in northern Lebanon.

The radio station did not elaborate beyond saying that Mr Franjeh, aged 78, planned to travel to Muslim west Beirut to set up his campaign headquarters.

Right-wing Christians, including President Amin Gemayel, whose six-year term expires on September 23, have said that they would use every possible means to block Mr Franjeh's election.

Mr Franjeh is a friend of President Assad of Syria. Towards the end of his term, he requested Syria's military intervention to quell the Christian-Muslim strife.

He is at loggerheads with the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia, which rules east Beirut and most of the Christian heartland.

He holds the head of the Lebanese Forces, Commander Samir Geagea, personally responsible for killing his son Tony, Tony's wife, the couple's daughter, aged three, and 30 bodyguards in a raid on the Franjeh mansion in Ehden on June 13, 1978.

The independent daily newspaper *Al-Nahar* said 17 anti-Syrian members of Parliament living in Christian east Beirut would boycott Thursday's session if Mr Franjeh runs.

Five other, Armenian, Parliament members living in east Beirut also would be unable to make it to the Parliament on Beirut's dividing Green Line to attend the session, the newspaper said. Five deputies living abroad have said that they would not return to Beirut for the election.

After word that Mr Franjeh would seek a new term with Syria's blessing leaked last week, the Lebanese Forces command ordered its 6,000-strong militia on "maximum alert" and said its leaders were holding crisis talks with President Gemayel on ways to block Mr Franjeh's election.

Mr Franjeh has his own militia, known as Marada, Arabic for "Giants". Syria has an estimated 40,000 troops controlling north and east Lebanon in addition to Muslim west Beirut and its southern suburbs.

The parliamentary Speaker, Mr Hussein Husseini, a Shia Muslim, set the required quorum for this year's presidential election at 53, and the simple majority at 40 votes.

Only 76 members of the 99-member parliament can vote. Twenty-two have died and President Gemayel's seat has been vacant since his election to the top executive post in 1982. The civil war has

prevented parliamentary elections since 1982 and its mandate has been renewed regularly.

The crisis that emerged from Mr Franjeh's candidature had raised speculation that a compromise might eventually be worked out under which he would withdraw in favour of the Army commander, General Michel Aoun, who has not taken sides since he was named to the top military post in August, 1984.

● JERUSALEM: An Israeli official said yesterday that Lebanon would remain in turmoil if Mr Franjeh or another man "totally under Syrian control" was elected President (Reuter reports).

Mr Uri Lubrani, Israeli co-ordinator for Lebanese affairs, told a news conference that Israel would reconsider its troop presence in southern Lebanon if a strong independent President was chosen.

Khmer Rouge 'accepts' curbs on power

Bangkok (Reuter) — Khmer Rouge guerrillas yesterday proposed a 14-point peace plan for Cambodia that would put the armed forces of each warring faction under international supervision.

Diplomats said it was the first time the Khmer Rouge had accepted the idea of political and military restrictions.

The plan was outlined in a clandestine Khmer Rouge radio broadcast monitored in Bangkok. "Effective measures should be taken to prevent the (Khmer Rouge) from returning to power alone and abusing others and also to prevent one party from abusing other parties," Mr Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader was quoted as saying.

He said a ceasefire should follow "a comprehensive and unambiguous agreement on the withdrawal of all (Vietnam's) aggressor forces".

A provisional four-party government headed by the exiled Cambodian leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, would be set up after the guerrilla coalition and the Government in Phnom Penh were dissolved.

Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978 to oust the Khmer Rouge, widely blamed for the deaths of more than a million Cambodians between 1975 and 1979.

Under the Khmer Rouge plan, the four-party government would hold internationally supervised elections for a Constitutional Assembly.

It calls for a four-party national army with each of the warring factions "having equal strength under a four-party High Command".

After the four parties reached agreement on a comprehensive solution to the conflict, there should be an international conference, attended by all countries involved and by the five members of the United Nations Security Council, who would take part in guaranteeing the agreement.

The Khmer Rouge plan also proposed that a treaty of friendship and non-aggression be signed by Cambodia, Vietnam and other South-East Asian nations.

Jittery Likud urges firm Israeli rule over occupied lands

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

One of the leading figures in the governing Likud Party here, Mr Ariel Sharon, the Minister of Trade and Industry, said yesterday that the latest political developments in the region make it imperative for Israel to apply Israeli law to those parts of occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip that it views as vital to the country's security.

Addressing a press conference here, Mr Sharon said he had tried unsuccessfully to win the support of the Labour Party, the Likud's main partner in the National Unity Coalition, for the application of Israeli rule to those areas which it, too, is on record as viewing as non-negotiable for security reasons. He said he intends today to propose to his Likud colleagues that they press ahead with his suggestion, even without the support of Labour.

While he expressed his distaste for reacting to "everything that is said by this king or that terrorist", Mr Sharon conceded that the latest moves by King Hussein in disengaging himself from the West Bank and the latest statements by the Palestine Liberation Organization concerning the possibility of declaring an independent Palestinian state

in the West Bank and Gaza, had got him worried.

"A psychological and political vacuum has emerged there, but it will not remain that way for long," Mr Sharon warned. "Someone will fill it; it won't be long before a PLO government is formed abroad and declares an independent Palestinian state, and I am worried that many countries may recognize this state. It will then be much harder to make the border changes I am proposing — so now is the time to act."

The Likud leader, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, meanwhile, said yesterday that the PLO "will be given no opportunity" to seize control of the West Bank, whether by setting up a Palestinian government-in-exile or by declaring an independent state there.

He was reacting to Monday's statement in Baghdad by Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, a leading aid to the PLO chairman, Mr Yasser Arafat.

Mr Abu Sharif said that the Palestine National Council — the PLO's supreme decision-making body — will be asked to issue a declaration of independence and announce the formation of a Palestinian government-in-exile when it meets in Algiers at the end of

the month. The Labour Leader, Mr Shimon Peres, has dismissed the notion of a Palestinian government-in-exile as an empty gesture. "Who are they going to govern," he asked.

"In order to have a government you need to have a state. Otherwise it's all a game, a deception," he said.

● CAIRO: The PLO says it has won Egypt's backing for plans to declare an independent state in Israeli-occupied territories (Reuter reports).

"The Foreign Minister has informed us that Egypt will place all its political potential to achieve the objectives of the PLO," Mr Abdullah Hourani, a PLO executive committee member and head of a delegation canvassing opinion in Arab states, said yesterday.

● GAZA STRIP: In continuing violence here, soldiers shot and seriously wounded three Palestinians yesterday and 75 Arabs were treated for injuries apparently caused by beatings (AP reports).

A military spokesman confirmed only that one Palestinian had been wounded, and about a dozen injured. The Army, meanwhile, maintained a two-day curfew on the Gaza Strip's 650,000 people.

Civil servants queue for their last pay



Palestinians queuing in the Cairo-Amman Bank in Ramallah for their final salary from the Jordanian Government. Their employment as Jordanian civil servants ended yesterday in line with King Hussein's decision to cut ties with the West Bank.

Brussels accepts Comecon requests

Brussels (Reuter) — The EEC said yesterday that it had agreed to requests from the Soviet Union and four other members of Comecon to open diplomatic relations. The EEC and Comecon had reached agreement on mutual recognition in June.

An official said that the Community told the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Bulgaria of its decision last Wednesday. A request from Poland was being processed.

Youths killed

Port-au-Prince (AFP) — Haitian soldiers and armed civilians shot dead 10 people taking part in a youth rally at Labadie, the Roman Catholic Church radio said.

Rail sabotage

Rosen (Reuter) — About 600 British tourists escaped unhurt when their train was derailed by suspected sabotage near Dieppe in northern France, rail officials said.

Stamp plot

Bonn (Reuter) — The West German police have found a board of forged postage stamps with a face value of more than DM30 million (about £9.3 million). A Bonn dealer is said to have admitted trying to sell forged stamps.

Couple freed

Manila (Reuter) — Muslim guerrillas freed an American tourist and his Filipino wife unharmed after soldiers threatened to attack the kidnappers' hideout. The couple were kidnapped on July 30.

Sea raiders

Den Helder, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch police used helicopters to force 73 striking seamen from a Dutch-owned vessel more than 60 miles off the Netherlands coast. There were no injuries or arrests.

Bomb kills 6

Colombo — A time-bomb exploded in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, killing six people. The police blamed Tamil activists.

Paper flooded

Zurich (Reuter) — A severe storm struck Zurich, preventing publication of the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* newspaper, whose printing press was under water.

Drivers fall to French roadside justice

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The French authorities have decided that fear of being caught is the best deterrent to stop motorists from dangerous driving at excessive speed which has made the road toll soar this year.

For the past two weekends regional officials with powers to dispense instant justice have set up shop by roadsides all over France to impose heavy fines on those caught speeding or, in the more serious cases, to confiscate their driving licences on the spot and leave them stranded.

Foreign and French drivers alike are targeted by the police who are

under orders to crack down hard on those breaking the law. For those caught, there is no appeal against the instant fines of 900 francs (£90).

One British driver in Normandy — a source of rich pickings of foreign drivers for the police — was provided with a police escort to the nearest bank to enable him to pay his fine.

Drivers travelling at 20 mph over the signposted speed limit face the confiscation of their licences and are forced to continue their journey by other means. Foreign drivers cannot have their licences confiscated but they may be banned from driving in France for a certain period.

Such drastic measures are the reaction of the French state to the

appalling road death figures announced for the busiest holiday weekend of the year, when returning July holidaymakers overlap with those departing for August holidays.

A total of 135 people were killed over the three-day period of July 29, 30 and 31. This was an increase of 71 per cent over last year's death toll of 79 on this July weekend, and confirmed the steadily rising road death figures for this year.

The decision to frighten motorists into keeping within the speed limits is justified by the fact that it is precisely the number of people killed that has spiralled so dramatically.

The overall number of accidents involving injuries for the same week-

end increased at nothing like the same rate, amounting to 1,718 as compared with 1,505 a year ago, an increase of 15 per cent.

A national road safety campaign in June, designed to appeal to the better instincts of road users, has had little effect. The three main targets of the campaign — drunken driving, speeding and the failure to use safety belts — show that many French drivers have yet to appreciate that road safety involves personal precautions.

In launching the road safety campaign the Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, said that the 10,000 killed on the roads in 1987 was already double that in Britain and considerably higher than in West Germany.

Working-class republican for vice-regal role

From A Correspondent, Sydney



Mr Hayden: A republican representing the Queen.

Australia's next Governor-General will be Mr Bill Hayden, the current Foreign Minister and a colourful Labour Party politician best known for his strong republican feelings.

The Queen is expected to make the controversial announcement today, ending weeks of criticism over the selection by Mr Robert Hawke, the Prime Minister. Mr Hayden will take over as the Queen's vice-regal representative when Sir Ninian Stephen, the present Governor-General, retires in six months.

Opposition protests against the new appointment have

recalled Mr Hayden's earlier criticism of the post reflecting Australia's imperial links and the salary that goes with it.

Mr Hayden is remaining silent until after his formal resignation from politics, timed to coincide with the Queen's announcement, but if his manner of arrival is seen as controversial, so too has been the role of the Governor-General, still regarded by many Australians as much more than a titular royal appointment.

The appointment of Lord Casey in 1965 saw the beginning of a modern role to be filled by Australians from successful career backgrounds. The position is, however, one of power: The Governor-General is the Queen's personal

representative with ultimate command of the country's armed forces. While its public role is rarely seen beyond the ceremonial, the full weight of its influence was openly demonstrated by Sir John Kerr in the 1970s when he sacked the elected Government of Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister.

What makes Mr Hayden different is the impoverished working-class background he escaped to become first a police officer and later the leader of the Labor Party. It was a position he lost in 1983 during a brief and bitter struggle with Mr Hawke, who took over the leadership shortly before going on to become Prime Minister himself. In the 1970s Mr Hayden

displayed little regard for the monarchy, the Commonwealth or the Governor-General.

Yet he has managed to fit into the new job with a politician's ease.

In a recent television interview Mr Hayden said: "If you allow for my background from infancy at South Brisbane, where we never saw the Governor-General and rarely saw a politician, let alone expected that someone from that area would ever assume such a respected office, then the more I look at it the more I find it an exciting role. I think there's a case for very ordinary Australians to have a share of the action."

Mr Hayden has said he will not accept a knighthood.

Nigeria attempts a quick sale of state companies

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Nigerian Government is about to attempt in a space of months a privatization programme comparable with the one the British Government has taken nearly a decade to bring about.

With a speed which by British standards would be breathtaking, a government committee is making plans to sell off 70 state-owned companies. They include hotels, dairies, breweries, film companies, haulage firms, ranches, engineering firms and insurance companies.

At the same time some 30 larger concerns — mainly banks, steel mills, paper mills, chemical works and sugar and cement companies — are to be partly privatized by reducing the Government's holding in their stock. The list includes Nigerian Airways, in which the Government's 100 per cent holding is being cut to 40 per cent.

A further 25 state-related concerns and large companies will be sold off privately, but will be partly or fully commercialized. Among them are Nigeria's railways, airports, electric power stations, radio, television, security printing, and mines. The national petroleum company will be among those organizations fully commercialized, mean-

ing that it will lose government subsidies.

Western diplomats believe that President Babangida is determined to carry through the programme before 1992, when he has undertaken to return Nigeria to civilian rule. From his point of view, one of the advantages of absolute power is the extraordinary speed of change it permits.

A presidential decree of only 11 pages provides the authority for a committee to carry it out. It is under the direct supervision of the President's office.

A privatization programme was foreseen when General Babangida seized power in 1983, though few expected it to be so rapid and far-reaching.

In September, 1986, his Government introduced a programme designed to correct the economic decline. It was based on three core policies: The need to correct the over-valuation of the naira by setting up a second-tier foreign exchange market; efforts to cut inefficiency and costs in the public sector; and measures to attract foreign capital while keeping a lid on foreign loans. The President's privatization programme forms part of the second and third of these aims.

Takeshita apologizes as anger builds among US blacks

By Brian Robins in Tokyo and Charles Bremner in New York

The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, has sent a letter to black members of the United States Congress expressing regret for a Japanese politician's remarks about American blacks, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

In his letter to Mr Mervyn Dymally, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Mr Takeshita said that he was "saddened that a recent event has hurt our friends in the United States".

The Prime Minister added that it was regrettable that a misunderstanding had arisen, saying that there could be no justification for racial discrimination. "I hope to make the partnership between our two countries even stronger. America is a

great country made up of numerous ethnic groups, and I want to work hard to heighten Japanese people's awareness of this."

The letter was delivered to Mr Dymally through the US Embassy in Tokyo.

Mr Dymally had complained of remarks by Mr Michio Watanabe, chairman of the policy board of the governing Liberal Democratic Party and a man considered by some to be a future candidate for Prime Minister.

Mr Watanabe said at a party seminar last month that American blacks had few qualms about going bankrupt and he implied they walked away from their debts.

He had said: "They use credit cards a lot. They have no savings, so they go bankrupt. But among those guys over there are so many blacks and so on, who would think

nonchalantly: 'We're bankrupt, but from tomorrow on we don't have to pay anything back. We just can't use credit cards any more.'"

The remarks, combined with the reappearance of black sambo toys and beachwear in Japan, have angered black American politicians and have provoked calls from some civil rights leaders for a boycott to protest against what they see as Japanese racism.

The black caucus, which groups all black congressmen, and civil rights groups are planning a strategy for putting pressure on Japan to curb not only the depiction of racial stereotypes at home, but also to give up what the blacks see as discrimination in their business activities in the US.

"Our patience is running out," Congressman Walter Fauntroy (Washington DC) said. Mr Dymally said he was

weary of the conciliatory approach that the black lobby had adopted since the last dispute over Japanese racism flared in 1986.

He released a letter to Mr Takeshita from the caucus that expressed "a deep sense of concern with the re-emergence of racially derogatory comments and practices in your country".

The issue first came to prominence two years ago when Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, who was then Prime Minister, said in a speech that the overall level of Americans' intelligence was low because it was pulled down by the presence of many blacks and Hispanics.

In recent months, black leaders have been upset by press reports of Tokyo department stores using mannequins with exaggerated black features and news of the success

of a line of toys and beach towels and other goods that feature a black sambo figure.

The products were withdrawn, but the embassies were flamed again by Mr Watanabe's remarks. After complaints, Mr Watanabe apologized and, like the makers of the sambo products and Mr Nakasone before him, said he had not intended to offend anyone.

But the black caucus says the recent Japanese action simply highlights an indigenous racism. "It is not simply the result of the insulation of Japanese people and their ignorance," Mr Fauntroy said. "It is clear now that Japanese are socialized in a culture that breeds racism."

The black caucus and other members of Congress are now focusing on what they say is discrimination by Japanese companies in the United

States. Many of their plants in the US have been built in areas that have few black inhabitants. They are also said to promote conservative whites.

Black leaders, including the Rev Jesse Jackson, are angry over Japan's growing commercial ties with South Africa. Some have suggested that Japanese technology could help white South Africa to develop an economy independent of the black population.

Speaking of the incidents last week, Professor Shozo Hochi, of Kinki University, said that the attitudes behind them were "based not on ignorance but simply on arrogance". Such people had "some kind of superiority complex. Arrogance makes them speak carelessly and they should take the blame. We have more or less the same problem with people from special communities in Japan,

for example the Burakumin."

Although the recent incidents have focused attention on anti-black racism in Japan, the most bitter feelings in fact are often held about groups living in Japan such as the Burakumin and Koreans.

The Burakumin historically were the lowest class in Japan and were forced to live in segregated communities which still exist in many cities, especially around Osaka in central Japan.

The Koreans, many of whom were brought to Japan for forced labour during the Second World War, also face severe discrimination. Even though there are hundreds of thousands of descendants of those Koreans who were born in Japan, they have been consistently denied citizenship, and are forced like all foreigners living in Japan to carry around a special pass.

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When the days dawned Red

Twenty years ago on Sunday, the Soviet Army crushed the first flowering of Czech democracy. Michael Knipe recalls how the 'Prague spring' was flattened beneath the tank-tracks

By the end of my first day observing the Soviet army imposing its will on the civilians of Prague, I had worked up a healthy appetite. But in the chaos created by the Soviet invasion, I could find nowhere selling food.

I had seen tanks crumpling their way across the ancient cobblestones, and young soldiers pulling young girls by their hair into armoured cars. On almost every street corner, from dawn to dusk, I had seen youthful activists giving impromptu and defiant speeches to the crowds before scattering away at the approach of a squad of Soviet soldiers. But no one had the stomach for preparing and selling food that day in Prague 20 years ago.

I had found a room, at a modest hotel on Wenceslas Square, the main thoroughfare, which had the journalistic advantage of offering a view of the square and in particular of two Soviet tanks across the street with their barrels pointed at my window. But when I enquired about eating facilities, the receptionist shook her head. All the kitchen staff had been sent home to beat the Soviet curfew, she said.

Then, taking pity on me, she offered me a share of her supper — half a cold chicken. "And in return perhaps you would be kind enough to escort me home?" It seemed a reasonable arrangement, and it was not until I was returning to the hotel in the gathering dusk that the full implications of the deal were brought home to me by the sound and smell of gunfire and the sight of tracer bullets lighting the sky.

The curfew maintained by the Soviet troops was fairly haphazard. It was imposed by random gunfire. By the time I reached Wenceslas Square and began walking towards my hotel, squads of soldiers were running down the street from the other end, firing bursts of automatic fire into each darkened doorway. I reached my

doorway in a cold sweat and this turned to near panic when I discovered it locked and barred. An elderly doorman unfettered it with minutes to spare and I vowed to be more cautious in future.

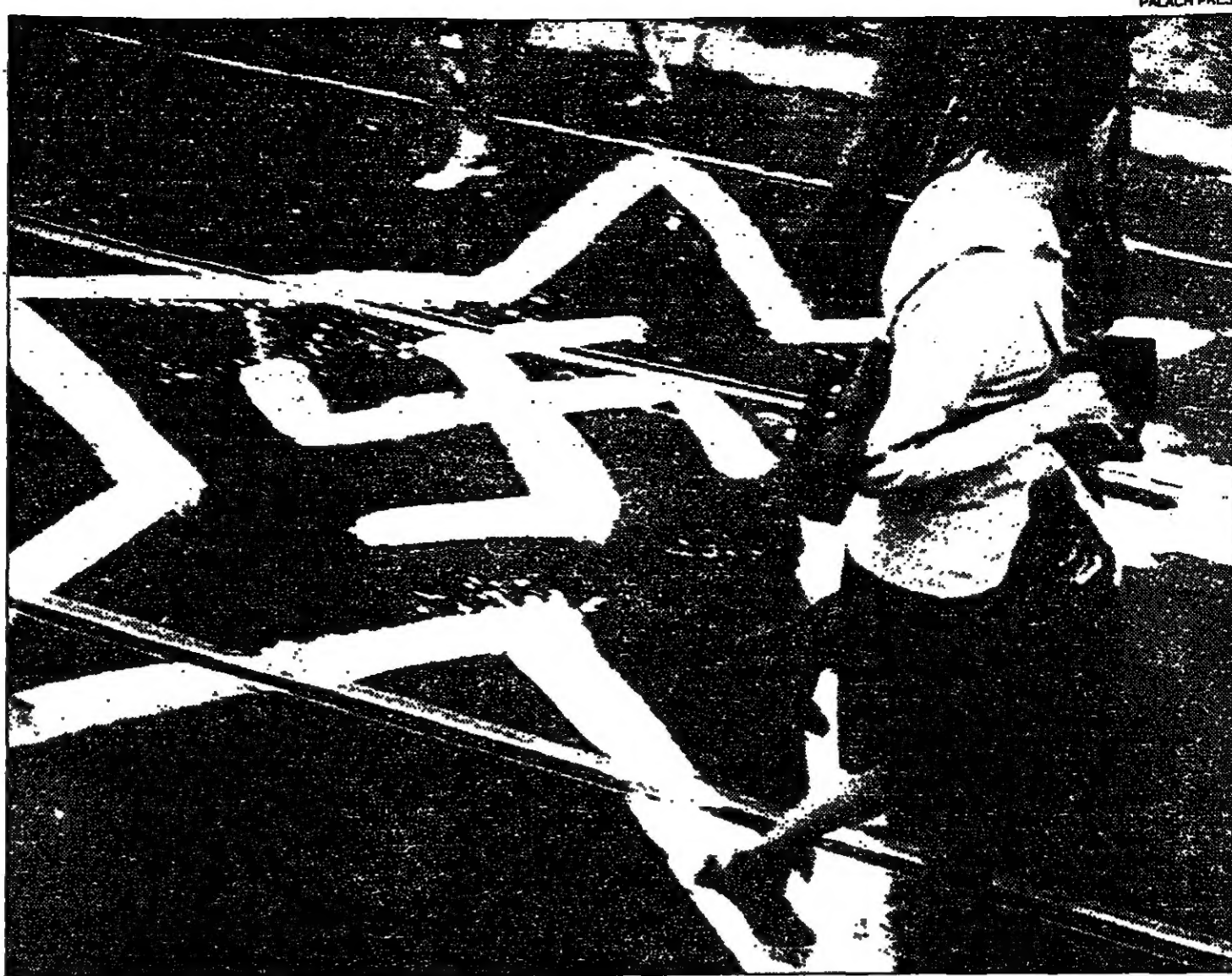
Apart from this brush with danger, the most vivid memories I have of the August events, as they were euphemistically known in the Eastern bloc, are of the total unanimity displayed by the people of Czechoslovakia. I had driven across the border at Furth im Wald, in Bavaria, at midnight and found my way to Prague with some difficulty, as every road sign had been taken down or turned around and all street name plates had been removed.

It was an eerie experience entering Prague at dawn to find tanks stationed at virtually every crossroad. Like the villages and outlying suburbs en route, buildings and bridges were festooned with home-made placards in a variety of European languages proclaiming "Russians go home". You could observe this huge public protest in action. As teams of Soviet soldiers moved down the street ripping posters and mimeographed newsletters off the walls, gangs of Czechoslovak youths went to work plastering them on again.

Activists proudly recounted their most glorious moment — when a Soviet tank was set on fire — and each morning hospital calls would produce casualty figures of about 20 or so — a clear indication that the Soviet soldiers were not to be trifled with. There were dozens of clandestine radio transmitters and underground newspapers generating popular resistance.

"We were brought up to believe that our civil defence system was to protect us from the capitalist world," said one activist. "Why don't they realize we are Socialists, just like them, not counter-revolutionaries."

As the days progressed and life began to take on a semblance of normality, nothing demonstrated the unanimity of popular oppo-



The twin symbols of tyranny: the Red star, linked with the swastika in a typical example of protest graffiti daubed in the centre of Prague in 1968

sition to the Soviet invasion more tellingly than the daily noise "strike". Every morning at 8.45 the traffic stopped and every driver sounded his horn; chambermaids came out on to hotel balconies banging waste-paper bins; pedestrians blew whistles or banged railings with walking sticks.

There was total participation right under the noses of the occupation troops. No one ignored the noise strike. The sight of an elderly man standing clinking his bicycle bell defiantly in the shadow of a Soviet tank was a study in two-sided impotence. The young soldiers looked sheepish in the face of this mild yet telling civil disobedience.

Every one of them must have found it difficult to equate this unmistakably unanimous protest with the official justification of their presence, which was that it had been requested by the Czechoslovak masses. And even the most belligerent of tank commanders had to realize that, short of mowing down whole streets full of the local citizenry, there was absolutely nothing they could do about it.

Within a few days, as the curfew became more relaxed, the more volatile protesters were attempting to engage the occupation troops in face-to-face debate. The night air began to ring to the sound of animated political argument.

But they were mostly one-sided affairs. The soldiers were in the main inarticulate youths from the eastern regions of the Soviet empire and unlikely to care much about the concerns of the Czechoslovaks.

Nevertheless, the mood of the Czechoslovaks in the first six days became increasingly hopeful. The people of Prague seemed to think that they had demonstrated their objections to the Soviet presence so convincingly that Moscow would be forced to back down and withdraw its forces. In spite of their tanks and guns, the Soviet troops seemed fairly powerless.

There was jubilation on the streets on August 27, therefore, as

the Soviet tanks withdrew from their strategic locations. People power appeared to have won and Czechoslovaks gathered around radio sets and outside Prague Castle and other rallying points to hear an address to the nation from Alexander Dubček, the Communist Party leader, which many of them thought would formalize a Soviet withdrawal.

But for the previous six days Dubček had been held incommunicado in Moscow and was probably unaware of the extent and effectiveness of the civil resistance to the Soviet presence. Instead of announcing a Soviet withdrawal, he spoke of the need to avoid further bloodshed and for "nor-

malization". This, he said, would entail the "momentary limitation of freedom".

The Czechoslovak leader, who personified what had come to be called the "human face of Communism", wept as he told his nation that ignoring reality could lead to anarchy. He was heard in grim silence; some spoke of betrayal of the Czechoslovak people by their leaders; others, such as Emil Zatopek, the former Olympic runner who had been a leading figure in the anti-Soviet demonstrations, perched in a tree and told a crowd in impassioned words not to direct their anger against their leaders. Unity, he warned, would be their only salvation.

Over the next few weeks, the "temporary" presence of the Soviet forces was consolidated and the unity of the people began to dissipate. "Russian advisers" began to arrive; Gustav Husak, the Slovak leader who was more to Moscow's liking, began to overshadow Dubček; the liberal-minded foreign minister, Jiri Hajek, resigned.

During a 600-mile journey through Slovakia, I discovered how at grass-roots the freedoms won during the brief "Prague spring" were being eroded. An editor forced to publish his newspaper at gunpoint by Soviet military censors and then removed; a leading progressive politician quietly put out to grass; a civil servant marched before the Soviet command and then suspended — these were the insidious realities of the "normalization".

In Prague and in travels through the country I was impressed by the bravery of the people who continued to risk talking to me. Many did so only in great secrecy. One would see me only at 4am. Bravest of all perhaps was my elderly interpreter and guide who stuck by me when most of his colleagues had been forced to abandon the dwindling band of Western correspondents.

As the "normalization programme" proceeded and the great experiment in liberalizing socialism was reversed, I listened, in cafes, beer halls and homes as young students debated the sometimes heart-breaking merits of staying or moving to the West. Who were the sell-outs? Those who would stay or those who would leave? And where are they now I wonder?

Fire and brimstone near Jupiter

SCIENCE REPORT

The surface of one of Jupiter's moons, called Io, is a red and yellow sulphurous volcanic plain that looks like a gigantic pizza when viewed from space. The areas of intense heat below the surface, or "hot spots", are known to be concentrated in a belt around Io's equator.

Researchers report in this month's issue of the journal *Nature* the discovery of a possible hot spot in the little-known south polar region of Io. This could mean that astronomers will have to modify their ideas about the structure of Io's interior.

Many of Io's volcanoes are active: the Voyager I spacecraft recorded eight erupting simultaneously during its fly-by of 1979, and six of these were still erupting when Voyager II arrived several months later. But they are concentrated in vast, flat lava fields around the equator; the polar regions are more rugged and mountainous, with peaks reaching 8km above the volcanic plains. Astronomers are puzzled by this contrast in Io's geography, and are trying to find out how it relates

to the moon's internal structure and the origins of its volcanic activity.

Io is one of the four "Galilean" satellites, and is among the largest of Jupiter's 16 known moons. Most of these are tiny — possibly nothing more than captured asteroids — but the Galileans are more like small planets. They are named after Galileo, who discovered them in 1610 in the first telescopic observations of Jupiter, and are easily seen with a small telescope. The Galileans are very different from one another in structure and terrain: Io, nearest of the four to Jupiter, is volcanic; Europa and Ganymede are flat and icy; Callisto, the outermost of the Galilean moons, is dark and crater-pocked.

The continuous volcanic activity on Io that coats its surface with a crust of sulphur every

3,000 years is a consequence of its interaction with Jupiter and the other moons. Jupiter's strong gravity distorts the moon so that, at the equator, its surface bulges out towards the planet.

If that were the whole story, Io would be unremarkable. But gravitational interactions between Io and the other moons Europa and Ganymede force Io into a slightly eccentric orbit so that the position of the bulge constantly shifts. And the heat generated from the resulting friction is sufficient to melt Io's interior and fuel the volcanic activity.

In the low gravity of Io, volcanic plumes can

reach 280km high and are visible from Earth with powerful telescopes. Lava and sulphurous ash are spread over Io's surface and sent into space. Compounding this hellish scene are lightning bolts almost half a million kilometres long between Io and Jupiter caused by the 1 million ampere current generated by Io's motion through Jupiter's magnetosphere. And the moon is enveloped by an orange glow like a street lamp, a result of the ionization of sodium.

Researchers from the Institute of Planetary and Mineral Sciences, West Germany, and others at the University of California in Los Angeles have found a "hot spot" beneath the surface near Io's south pole. And 40 per cent of Io's internal heat could be generated in this small area, the rest

coming from the vast equatorial areas. If the "hot spot" observation is correct, then the researchers conclude that, in a model of Io's inner structure, the disruption caused by gravity occurs deep within Io's silicate mantle, rather than near the surface.

But if the "hot spot" turns out to be less significant than first reports indicate, then much of the heat must be generated in the asthenosphere, a thin layer of partially molten rock just beneath the crust and above the mantle. This would explain the observed equatorial volcanic zone. Which model is most accurate remains unclear. But researchers hope that better mapping of Io's polar regions by NASA's forthcoming Galileo mission to Jupiter, scheduled for launch in October next year, will be able to help resolve the problem.

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Britain plays the sponsor gambit

When Britain's top players meet today, it will symbolize the growing link between chess and revitalized commerce

When Britain's two leading mental athletes, chess Grandmasters Nigel Short and Jon Speelman, today open hostilities in the first game of their World Championship quarter-final it will be the first time two British players have qualified for such an exalted stage of the championship cycle.

It will also be a contest that symbolizes the new close links between Britain's revitalized and entrepreneurial industry and commerce and a game which rewards independent, inventive thinking. ... Short and Speelman will be taking part in a competition sponsored by Pilkington Glass with a prize fund of £20,000.

Short is currently rated world number three. His extraordinary potential has been evident since 1977 when, at the age of 12, he qualified for the final of the British Championship. There he defeated the 10-times British Champion, Dr Jonathan Penrose. A tough pragmatist, self-educated and self-reliant, Short is primarily concerned with the accumulation of points, with winning.

Speelman, the world number five, is bearded, tall and beloved of tectonic gestures with his long arms. He is the very picture of the eccentric Oxford intellectual, a poet rather than a warrior of the chessboard. Still in his early thirties, Speelman has already won the British Championship three times — once more than Short.

In Short and Speelman England has at last two potential world beaters to challenge Soviet supremacy. There has been a huge Soviet state investment in securing triumphs over the chessboard. Indeed, the leading players are, in effect, state employees. Twelve years ago Britain



Head to head: Short, a dedicated winner, and Speelman, considered more poet than warrior



had no Grandmasters. Not long before that the English team was finishing way down in the chess Olympics. Now British Grandmasters regularly beat their counterparts from Eastern Europe, while at the 1984 and 1986 Olympics, the English team won the silver medals. On that last occasion the gap between the USSR and England was a mere half point. At the forthcoming Chess Olympics in Greece, it is by no means impossible that the English squad, with Short and Speelman at the head, will seize the gold medals. And if they do so, no-one will be more delighted than Merchant Bankers Duncan Lawrie, who sponsor the English team.

The sudden and dramatic improvement in chess strength in this country, and its symbolic links to the growth in entrepreneurial spirit, is in turn reflected by support from sponsors (banks, City insti-

tutions, solicitors). These institutions recognize the educational potential of the game and the benefits success can bring in terms of international prestige.

Pilkington Glass are, perhaps, the largest private sponsor to have supported chess in the UK. The chairman, Alan Judge, told me that he spotted advance notice of this all-British clash in the pages of *The Times*. His immediate reaction was to instruct Pilkington's public relations arm to acquire rights to the match.

Sometimes groans are heard that the British Government spends so little on chess. Approximately £30,000 a year goes to the British Chess Federation, but much of this is absorbed by internal administration, rather than spent on event creation. However, in an activity which places such a high premium on individual initiative, players should be

proud that they are not constantly demanding money. It should be a source of congratulation that so much has been achieved from private contributions, that the sponsors are committed chess enthusiasts, not anonymous departments shelling out funds under instruction.

The most striking example is the recent £20,000 private enterprise grant to Matthew Sadler, aged 14, from Kent. Competing with tremendous success in a tournament sponsored by City solicitors Watson Farley Williams in London in June, Sadler was talent-spotted by Rod Large, managing director of CLK International. CLK are new product developers, who are determined to penetrate the Soviet market with British goods.

So impressed was Large with Sadler's talent that he offered him a deal on the spot. This will give Sadler the

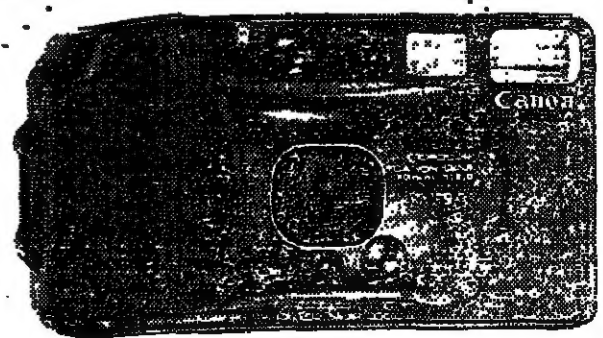
opportunity to travel to Moscow to study under Soviet chess experts and to acquire the latest computer technology, on which rising champions depend to record details of complex games. Large said: "The thoughtful, strategic image of chess is ideal for our company. We believe that Matthew's prowess will help to improve Anglo-Soviet trading relations."

Having scaled the international chess heights how much money can a champion player earn? The prize curve escalates steeply as the world championship cycle progresses. With prize funds such as the £1.17 million for last year's Kasparov-Karpov world title match in Seville, whoever wins this quarter-final could become Britain's first chess millionaire. As an additional lure, Mephisto, the West German computer company, are holding out a carrot of approximately £400,000 to the first Western player to challenge Kasparov in the final of the World Championship. Individual incentive plays a mighty role in chess achievement. The Pilkington World Quarter Final offers the first rung on the ladder to British Grandmasters of an incentive scheme for players not equalled in this country since 1851. In that year Howard Staunton invented the concept of the international chess tournament, to coincide with the Great Exhibition, and invited the world's best players to London to vie for the then enormous sum of £500.

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TIMES DIARY

HOWARD JACOBSON

Just as I am coming to believe that it is, after all, safe to live in the country, the South West Water Authority drops acid into our water.

But at least a crisis such as this teaches you who your friends are. Considering that *The Times* itself reported the death of thousands of trout in north Cornish rivers and people's hair turning turquoise in Trethvey, I would have expected a few more calls from well-wishers wanting to know whether we were a) still alive; b) covered in boils; or c) the same colour we had always been. In truth, though, had it not been for emergency water tanks turning up at every corner and our neighbour, Tricia Penfound, telling us of a blackbird drinking from a stream and instantly keeling over, we would not have known anything was amiss.

What comes out of the taps down here has never had much to recommend it, though whether that's the fault of the Water Authority, the state of our plumbing, or radiation leaking from every rock I cannot say. But Australian Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec in two-litre casks has just made it into Cornwall — a more significant augury of change, I think, than the rise in house prices — and I am content to bury my grievances, clean my teeth, and wash behind my ears in that.

This being the season I patrol my wife's shop, in return for her patrolling my sentences at all other times, I am well placed to observe the most recent development in the progress of that communal paranoia we call shopping. Where once the men of the family waited impatiently on the pavement while their wives performed their zombie-dance of fear and fascination around the merchandise, they are now to be discovered shepherding their charges through what consumer programmes have taught them to regard as labyrinths of shoddy goods and sharp practices.

I recall listening to F.R. Leavis on the subject of love and D.H. Lawrence and wondering why he was so enraged by Frieda Lawrence's leaving the incandescent genius she had married to darn her stockings and repair her linen. Wasn't marriage meant to be about give and take? But seeing a fully grown man on his hands and knees, examining the stitches on a child's purse costing 30p, has brought me to my senses. An amelioration of our spiritual condition may come about not when the sexes share the burden of domestic economy but when they abandon it altogether.

If the consequences of that should be the public staying out of shops completely, you wouldn't find many shopkeepers complaining. Contrary to a popular misconception, the prime psychological motive for offering a service is the need to withhold it. We have several current examples of this hereabouts: a plumber who won't plumb, a restaurant which shuts for lunch, a delivery business which refuses to deliver.

French students climbing off their buses might also wonder why the sign outside the pottery says "Non L'étudiant Français", and why other shops, in scarcely better French, deny them entrance. In fact this is a consequence of a series of spectacular shoplifting exercises carried out by French schoolchildren over the last few years. A clean-up operation by their teachers recovered goods equivalent to the entire stock of every gift shop in the vicinity twice over.

Now, the moment one of their buses is seen reversing into the car park the cry goes up — "The French are coming! The French are coming!" and the entire village takes cover behind the barricades.



No sooner return from an excellent pub lunch of crisp crab baguettes than I am greeted at the door of their emporium by Theresa and Rob Lloyd, our local leather couriers — demonstrating examples from their new range of scourges, cats-o-nine-tails and hand-tooled chabouks. To think that only five years ago a spatter of crab paste on sliced white bread was a luxury down here, and flagellation available only to the very well to do. In the Duchy, as elsewhere, the Thatcher revolution carries all before it.

Speaking of change, Steven Thor Johansson, the American-born water colourist who came to Boscawen several years ago vowing he would never leave, has just left. Not to go very far, it is true, but far enough to deprive me of games of pool at unsociable hours, and to inconvenience collectors of his work who travel miles to seek him out. But at least it's good to be able to report that he is in perfect health again.

He spent part of last year in hospital in Plymouth, waiting for doctors to summon the courage to tell him he needed chemotherapy. Apparently most people prefer to be given news of that kind slowly. Thor Johansson, however, boasts Viking blood, and Vikings, as those who saw Kirk Douglas amputating his finger with only the Norse equivalent of Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec as an analgesic will remember, enjoy nothing better than a stiff test of their endurance. So when he finally caught the drift of the doctor's prognosis he was down in radiotherapy before anyone could stop him. "Nuke me till I glow!" he is said to have dared the technicians.

I repeated this anecdote to a couple of connoisseurs who came looking for him the other day. They were not amused. I can only suppose they found it unbecomingly to their conception of the agonized artist.

The single European market is in danger of being undermined by becoming all too fashionable. Over-promoted by the Government and under-analysed by the media, 1992 has become a commercial virility symbol which is distracting and often misleadingly trusting businessmen.

The enthusiasm of ministers and Eurocrats is a poor excuse for the torrent of clichés and high street hype being used to promote 1992. Phrases such as "History is in the making" and "You can't risk missing this one" could well end up backfiring painfully. In spite of fashions, in some industries there is little logic to pan-European operations. It will be a long time, for example, before the estate agency industry blossoms on a European basis, and even after several decades the legislators have failed miserably to make a reality of the common agricultural policy.

For other industries, the prospect of the removal of trade barriers will cause turmoil. There is massive excess capacity in the motor industry throughout Europe, supported not by free competition but by trade barriers. If these barriers tumble

Michael Dobbs warns industry to beware the official line

Harsh realities of 1992

In 1992 there is only one possible outcome: some car manufacturers will not survive. The same is true about airlines, financial services and many others.

A market of 320 million customers with an income almost as great as that of the United States clearly has much to offer some businessmen, but in many cases those companies which have a real future in Europe have been building their European operations for years.

Industries are already consolidating as a handful of big firms become even larger and more dominant — as Rowntree has discovered to its cost. It stands to reason that not all companies can become European mega-players, and many which are being unnecessarily encouraged to invest in Europe before 1992 will get their fingers badly burned.

The price of European partnership is being forced up. Business service companies which were being acquired on a multiple of eight or nine times earnings only a few years ago are now commonly commanding 12 or 13 times earnings. The inflation rate in glamour sectors such as consulting and information technology is even greater. And the value of a manufacturing company with established brand names, such as Rowntree, can nearly double overnight.

Partnerships are being sought in a hurry, often with confused motives and unsuitable partners, and some of the shotgun marriages that result will not survive long. Just like Big Bang in the City, the cost of getting it wrong can be ruinous. Often it is more prudent, if unfashionable, to avoid the temptation and simply walk away.

There are many other markets to invest in if worldwide operations are important. The Far East has higher prospective growth rates than Europe, and the US has many more of the world's top 500 multinational corporate headquarters. Major decisions affecting the European market are still often made in Japan or the US, and it is one reason why many British industrialists still choose to invest in those countries rather than in fashionable Europe.

Not every business wishes to become an international Goliath. There will still be a healthy niche for many living to be made by many specialized niche players, and not just clog manufacturers and French onion sellers. Those who will suffer most will be those caught in the middle — after being seduced into Europe without the size and resources to

compete internationally and no longer with the degree of specialization to compete domestically.

A European market almost twice as large as Japan has much to offer some, but a truly common market made up of 12 countries and divided by an even larger number of languages will not materialize at the stroke of midnight. If it becomes a reality, it will do so not because of legislative *diktat* but because of market forces such as the development of satellite TV and pan-European print media. Europe cannot truly become one market for business until businessmen can talk to it with one voice, and it will take many years before these new media take a real grip.

Some companies will do extremely well out of the development of Europe. For others

it will make no difference at all. Yet others will face disaster as they rush impetuously forward only to discover that the opportunity of operating in 12 countries is rather like being attacked by 12 different armies.

It is strange that a government so attached to free-market principles should be proclaiming so simply the virtues of an event which owes as much to political and bureaucratic fashion as it does to market forces.

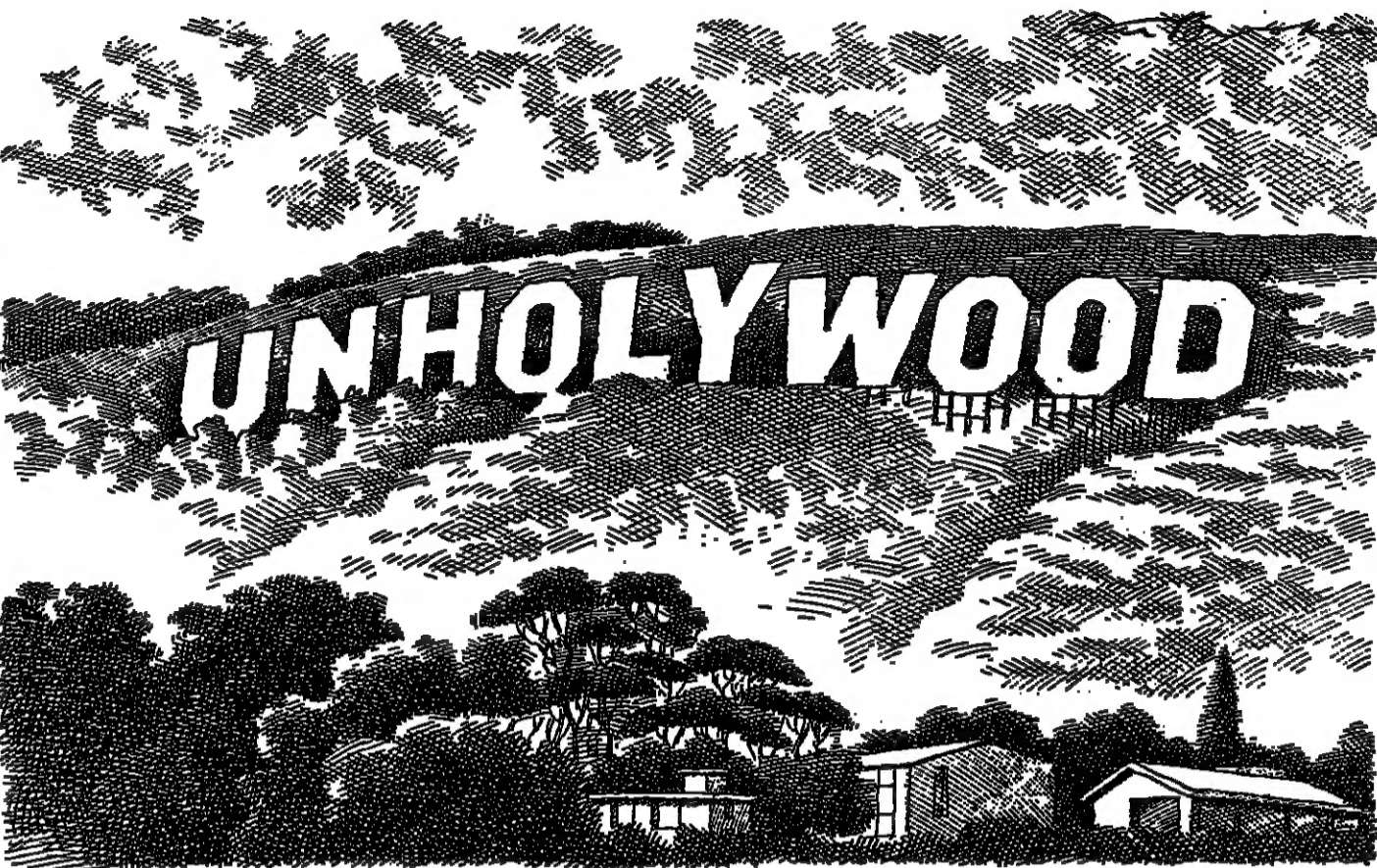
Yet perhaps by 1992 fashions will once again have changed. Already Mrs Thatcher is expressing irritation with Jacques Delors, Helmut Kohl and the many others who see 1992 as the first step towards a United States of Europe.

A little more loose talk along those lines from our European neighbours could encourage her to pull the rug on the whole thing. That would not save us from a huge fight with our more enthusiastic European neighbours, but would at least ensure that 1992 does not become a repeat of 1066.

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Bernard Levin

Faith and the fainthearts



It was G.K. Chesterton who, faced with the view that any religion is as valid as any other, suggested that those who held it should try thinking of something blasphemous to say about Thor, and that seems an appropriate point to begin consideration of the uproar caused by the new film about Christ. I have not seen it, so I shall not comment on its nature, quality or content (a precaution many people in America and here, as usual, seem to think unnecessary). In any case, it is not the thought of the film that I find fascinating, but the uproar itself.

We have, of course, been here before: the Monty Python team gave us *The Life of Brian* a few years ago, and indeed there have been two more such films. The last two were largely ignored here; presumably it was thought that nothing else could be expected from foreigners. But the Monty Python epic aroused much the same kind of reeling, writhing and fainting in coils, the disputants being divided into those who thought that the outrage was at least softened by the fact that the film was meant to be funny, and those who insisted that that made the whole thing worse.

Already voices in Britain have been raised in demands for the new film to be banned here, not only from dial-a-quote MPs. I have seen no statement from Mrs Whitehouse yet, though no doubt she will soon give tongue, and no doubt she will fail to take the precaution mentioned above before doing so.

"O father Abram! What these Christians are!" Well, perhaps Shylock is not the most tactful source from which I might seek assistance; how about Othello? "For Christian shame, put by this barbarous brawl!"

Yes, do, dear Christians all, and let me show you why you should. Jesus was put to death under Pontius ("Quod scripsi, scripsi") Pilate, in the most painful and humiliating form of death then known. Dwell on it for a moment, please; I have a reason for asking. Christ was nailed to the Cross through his hands and feet, after being mocked, scourged and crowned with thorns. He was stabbed in

the side by a spear, and when, dying, he asked for water, he was given vinegar. Throughout his prolonged ordeal, he was jeered by the spectators.

Meanwhile, how about Pilate? He was eventually recalled to Rome, though not in disgrace, despite the fact that he couldn't stop the Jews talking (who could?). No one knows how he died, or when; there are legends to the effect that he became a Christian, but (if you don't mind me saying so, dear Christians) that is pretty obviously propaganda. Incidentally, the principal legend says he died in Gaul, at Vienne, and indeed the locals show you his tomb, which is well worth a glance before you cross the road for lunch at La Pyramide. If Pilate's last meal (presumably old man Point was still in charge then) included the *poté de foie gras en broche*, he died well.

And yet I must ask: which of them ended up with more egg on

his face — Christ or Pilate? Assuredly Pilate, and not only because many millions now revere Christ and few him. I trust you see what I am getting at; in case not, I shall put it in the most demotic terms. For a man who has been crucified, having a film made about him is a doddle.

The expressions of outrage in the United States ensured that the opening of the film went off in such a blaze of publicity that the queues in Los Angeles were five hours long. But a photograph of one such queue in *The Sunday Times* was extraordinarily instructive and apposite. It showed simultaneously a demonstrator holding a placard saying "Jesus loves you", and a queer with a T-shirt inscribed "Relax, it's only a movie".

Well, then, if Jesus loves the film-goer, and the film-goer acknowledges that nothing more

serious than a film is happening, what means the outrage, the demands for suppression, the screening for weapons and bombs of those who entered the cinemas?

The horrid suspicion will not be denied. Once upon a time, to embrace Christianity was likely to lead to the embrace being burned or boiled or buried alive, to being torn to pieces in the arena, to being beheaded, disembowelled or starved to death, to being thrown over a cliff, shot by a rain of arrows, broken on a wheel, together with many more of what Kai Lung called "a variety of discomforts less tersely described".

But now? Even if the National Secular Society staged a successful coup and took over the country, I doubt if the fits of Smithfield would be lit again (apart from anything else, the TGWU would demand double-time payment for tending them), and the Martyrs' Memorial in

Oxford would still be adorned, after bump suppers, by no more ghastly a burden than a po. Perhaps the bishops would be thrown out of the House of Lords, and possibly Speaker's Prayers would be abolished, but Cardinal Hume and the Archbishop of Canterbury, to say nothing of the Vicar of St Jack-in-the-Boat, would be free to pursue their calling unmolested.

Let us leave out what might be Christ's view of the matter on the one hand, and the Vicar's on the other, and strike an average. What would be, say, St Lawrence's opinion on the subject of this controversial film? I rather think that he would tell the Christians, after scrupulously attributing the words to my Bessarabian grandmother, that if they never had anything worse than that to worry about, they wouldn't have done too badly.

Why are devout Christians, here and in America, getting into such a tizzy? Of course, they feel

that their most sacred beliefs are being mocked, and nobody likes that. Yet do they not also feel, and much more strongly, that Christ and his followers have had to put up with worse than that in their time, and survived? Do they really fear that a Hollywood film, of all insubstantial, meretricious and ephemeral phenomena, will damage Christianity? If so, what can their faith in their religion be like?

It is true that Christianity, like all religions today except Islam, is beleaguered. But the enemy outside the gates is not Genghis Khan or the Emperor Domitian, or even Hitler and Stalin; it is indifference, particularly in the form of much straining after gnats and swallowing of camels. It is not for me to analyse the uncertainties and fears of those who cleave to the Christian religion. But at least I can offer them an exhortation: be of good cheer. If what you believe is true, it will not be the less believed; let alone the less valid, because of this or any other film.

If you doubt it, try an obvious test. Imagine two cinema-goers, one a Christian believer, the other a sympathizer. Then imagine both of them rushing into the street crying "Faugh! Fie! For shame! Bah! So that's what Christianity is about, eh? We never knew! Down with it!" If you can imagine that, you have a nonpareil imagination; and the test works, I may say, for a third cinema-goer, who has no interest at all in religion. Gamael knew better.

Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. And to him they agreed; and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them on the head, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. And another thing, these days, you don't even get beaten.

Commentary • CHRISTOPHER COKER

Arms: a neglected target

The new Conservative thinking so obvious at the Treasury and the Department of Trade, in education and the NHS, has been strangely absent in defence. Mrs Thatcher has been served by a host of Defence Secretaries who, with the honourable exception of Sir John Nott, have taken the traditional view that cost accounting, rather than analysing priorities, should be the prevailing measure of a nation's defence.

Mrs Thatcher's ministers have done little to challenge the ideas they inherited. Francis Pym continued where the last Labour government left off, his principal achievement being the decision to buy Trident, a system which (according to one Gallup poll) only one third of Tory voters now considers it worthwhile.

Nott embarked on a highly imaginative, if contentious, review before he was left stranded in mid-stream by the Falklands war. The more flamboyant Michael Heseltine was given his head only to lose it. His less flamboyant successor, George Younger, has surprisingly tried to carry out Nott's review, in default of any pressure to produce new thinking.

Caught out by a report by the recent Commons Defence Committee which recognized that the Royal Navy might be reduced to 45 escort vessels or less by the mid-1990s, the Defence Secretary has been quick to announce a rapid programme to build more Type 23 frigates. However this ad hoc measure is unlikely to stave off a major defence review which economic

realities will make necessary by 1990. It is essential that this review should authorize a study of Britain's defence priorities, the last of which was drawn up by the MoD in 1962.

The Government cannot continue keeping all four of Britain's defence roles (a strategic deterrent, a major surface fleet, an army on the Rhine, and an out-of-area capability) in play simultaneously without resorting to major conjuring tricks.

And with substantial cuts imminent, Younger will be faced with much harder choices than those that faced Nott in 1981. So far the Government's only contribution to new thinking in defence is to encourage competitive tendering. This has forced state enterprises to bid publicly for government contracts. Warship refitting has been contracted out to private firms, an activity which was once the sole responsibility of the Royal Dockyards. Industry has been given the job of servicing the RAF's few remaining Hunter aircraft.

Competition, however, is not the universal panacea the Conservatives have made out. When Vickers rebuilt the Royal Ordnance factory at Leeds to equip a seventh regiment with Challenger, a critical lack of domestic orders forced it to close its own tank assembly plant in Newcastle.

Competition may be admirable in principle but it can be really effective only in areas where demand can sustain more than one producer. If Britain's armed forces continue to contract as forecast, this problem

will be thrown into even greater relief in the years to come.

Secondly, the present system of budget allocations means little. Knowing that the Government spent more on the Navy in 1986 than any previous administration in 20 years tells us little about efficiency — a *sine qua non* of Thatcherism as a creed. So far the Government has failed to introduce any performance indicators which would allow it to assess military equipment, for example, against an agreed benchmark.

Finally, free market solutions have fallen foul of the old guard in the Tory party, which has successfully defended the commanding heights of the defence community against the New Right.

Tory backbenchers have prevented the Government from tackling the problems of defence procurement by more radical means — by manufacturing more weapons systems under licence, for instance, a device which would not only maintain jobs but also reduce Britain's wasteful expenditure on defence research and development. Such a course was last contemplated by the Callaghan government in 1978 when the MoD briefly considered leasing (not buying) three squadrons of F4 Phantoms or F15s.

Instead of engaging in the absurdly expensive European Fighter Aircraft programme, which Nott opposed because of its cost, the RAF could have gone for the US F16, built under licence in Britain.

Compared with the continuing, if at times surreal, debate

within the Labour Party, the Conservatives have promised only more of the same. Throughout its nine years in office the Government's principal preoccupation has been one of style rather than substance. Its principal aim has been to reassure the voters that the country is still on course, that there is no need to tack and jibe to the prevailing winds of political fashion. It is time to evaluate what we get for our money.

Assuming that this government cannot be expected to take drastic action such as scrapping the Royal Marines, or abandoning Trident, it might at least attempt to restructure our existing commitments.

It might be more sensible to deploy two naval support groups whose sole task would be to keep open certain identified sea lanes, rather than escort convoys at sea, a role that would make better use of surface vessels.

The Rhine Army could save money by abandoning the decision to build a new battle tank, buying from Germany instead. It could also save foreign exchange by rotating brigades every three months, with wives and children staying in Britain.

We might then have a review which paid note to strategic priorities rather than to the challenges that were first identified more than 30 years ago. Christopher Coker is author of a recent monograph, *Less Important than Opulence: The Conservatives and Defence (Institute for European and Defence Studies, £4.50)*.

AUGUST 17 ON THIS DAY 1819

The writer's forewarning of "interference of the Magistracy" was realized. In their endeavour to arrest Henry Hunt, the radical political reformer, troops charged the crowd of about 60,000 people causing hundreds of casualties, 11 fatal.

['PRELUDE TO 'PETERLOO']

Manchester, Sunday Morning. Orator Hunt had been parading Bridge-Street in his pig. He had heard during the morning that a warrant had been issued by the Magistrates of Manchester to apprehend him, and in order to show them how little he cared for it, he marched down to the New Bailey, in company with his friend Johnson, in order to surrender himself to their authority. When he arrived there and addressed himself with gratuitous magnanimity to the Magistrates, they stared with astonishment at the man — they had issued no warrant for his apprehension, and therefore could not at first comprehend the object of the Orator's extraordinary visit. When, however, they did understand it, they informed the Orator that he had been deceived, and that no such measure, as he appeared to fear, was then in agitation. Hunt, after receiving this intelligence, which he did with the utmost composure, bowed to the magistrates, left the Court house, and rejoined his friend and companion, who was at the door waiting for him. It is impossible to depict to you the state of trepidation and alarm in which the threatened meeting of to-morrow has placed the inhabitants of Manchester. They look forward to nothing else but a general scene of riot and distur-



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SPRIT OF SEOUL

When the International Olympic Committee accepted the bid by South Korea to host the 1988 Olympic Games, the decision was greeted with foreboding. Yet again, it seemed, the Olympics would become the forum for an international political dispute.

With one month to go before the Games open on September 17, those predictions seem unnecessarily gloomy. The Seoul Olympics have attracted the widest participation ever. The countries of the Soviet bloc, which were half-expected to boycott Seoul on political grounds, are attending en masse. China, which has no diplomatic relations with the South, is sending a large team. The worldwide boycott North Korea had hoped to lead has dwindled to a small and sorry band.

The possibility that the Seoul Olympics might be a success, makes the temptation for North Korea to spoil them even greater. Pyongyang's belated and unrealistic demands to share the glory by co-hosting major events have been rejected. Yet it has not moderated those demands. North Korea is probably more isolated and embittered than it has been since the split with the South. For that reason it could be more dangerous.

South Korea has now to contend not only with the ever-present military threat from the North, but also with the risk of a spectacular attempt by Pyongyang to ruin the Olympics by terrorist action. Security precautions are believed to be well advanced and no participant has expressed misgivings about the arrangements. Seoul none the less has to be on constant guard against all eventualities.

While the indications are that the Seoul Government is acquitting itself better than might have been expected, it is not receiving all the help that it will have hoped for. The political opposition, which lost its chance of power in democratic elections by failing to overcome its own internal divisions, is being less co-operative than it might have been.

Students, who have no memory and little understanding of Korea's division, are demonstrating impatiently in favour of reunification.

And the South Korean police, used to a degree of autonomy and aggression unacceptable in Western countries, can cite national security as the reason for sticking to their old methods.

The proximity of the Olympics, which will turn the eyes of the world on Korea, gives all these groups additional bargaining power with the Government. The students, in particular, might hope that police brutality caught by foreign television lenses might tarnish the Olympics and give the Government a bad name. This, however, is a reason for the Government to keep the police on a tighter rein rather than to give in to the misguided idealism of the students. Student power is anyway not what it was before last year's elections.

The chief difficulty for the South Korean Government is that the North will interpret the upsurge of internal pressure in the South as an invitation to push its case for recognition harder. Indeed, Pyongyang now appears to be engaged in what is tantamount to a protection racket: it wants to extract political concessions from the South as the price of guaranteeing security at the Olympics.

So far, the concessions made by the South, have more rhetorical than practical significance: the use of Mr Kim Il Sung's name officially for the first time since the country's division and an invitation to talk at summit level about reunification. Seoul has done nothing that would jeopardize either the South's fragile democracy or its security. Nor should it.

There is just a chance that the promise of successful Olympic Games has brought home to North Korea the reality of its isolation, to South Korea the possibility of a future which is both secure and democratic, and to both the desirability of at least talking to each other. If that degree of realism persists after the Games, Seoul 1988 will have been as much of a political achievement as Moscow and Los Angeles were political failures.

SENTENCED FOR MURDER

Life imprisonment for murder is a penalty whose great advantage is its eloquent judicial symbolism. It declares that those who deliberately take another life lose the right to the free use of their own, until they die. In practice, this has meant a long period of incarceration, followed usually by release on licence; but at no time, even if eventually allowed back into the community, does the murderer regain all the civil liberties of a free and innocent man or woman.

A singular merit of capital punishment for this unique crime was the symmetry between crime and punishment it represented. The life sentence has managed to preserve the essence of this — thus negating an important argument against the reintroduction of the death penalty. A select committee has been set up to consider whether the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment for murder should be abolished. It should not be easily persuaded to do so.

It will be argued that there has been a decline in confidence in the rehabilitative or reforming power of prison and that, consequently, the length of sentence for a particular crime has become purely a measure of the viciousness with which each criminal act is regarded. It is apparently an anomaly that the law should lay down a universal sentence for all cases of one class of crime, where the actual degree of viciousness must inevitably vary in each case.

In practice the system does attempt to address anomalies by allowing discretion to be exercised over which part of a life sentence should be spent in prison and which part on licence, but the method is less than ideal. It is insufficiently open to public inspection and based on unclear principles.

The present concept of a lifelong judicial stigma is not one to give up without overwhelmingly good reasons, however. It marks, as it should, society's unique abhorrence at every murder. As such it helps to entrench the principle of the sanctity of life at

the heart of the legal system. Murderers released on licence can be, and on occasion are, recalled to serve a further period in prison, and that liability applies to all of them, whether recalled or not. The period on licence is part of the sentence — which should in principle remain lifelong.

Some murderers may never be released on licence, and some will spend longer periods in prison than others. This is also right. How long they serve is decided by the operation of a complex and hidden process which includes the views of the original sentencing judge (expressed at the time of sentence or at the possible time of release or both) and of the Home Secretary and Lord Chief Justice at the possible time of release.

But whereas the original sentence is an expression of justice, the time of release is an expression of mercy. The two should not be confused. Mercy is most appropriate where the circumstances point to a crime of passion or compassion, involving a loss of judgement under extreme emotional pressure. The select committee should examine how the quality of mercy could better be allowed to drop, and on whom and when.

It is not unreasonable, for instance, that the attitude of the jury at the time of conviction should be taken into account when considering possible release on licence. The revival of the custom of an occasional rider to a guilty verdict recommending mercy would be one way of doing so.

This would signal to the discretionary authorities that in some cases a shorter time in prison (and hence a longer time on licence) could properly balance the demands of justice and mercy to the satisfaction of society. What would not satisfy those demands, however, would be to leave it to the unfettered decision of the trial judge to decide how serious murder is, in each case. It is always more serious than that.

Guarding orchids

From Mr A. Archer-Lock

Sir, The report ("Standing guard on a rare red orchid", August 11) on the red helleborine makes for thrilling reading; such undercover tales must be hard to come by, in an otherwise enlightened age. What hazards, one wonders, did that lone prizewinner experience, blindfolded, and taken into the unknown for a rendezvous with the plant; and during the brief revelation, were any further clues gleaned?

With orchid photography today being such a popular hobby, most county naturalist trusts have developed a remarkably good rapport with the public through approachable wardens, and a positive attitude of welcoming helpfulness. In return, they reap financial support and good will. There have sadly been four cases of vandalism during the past decade, including the digging up of rare species; each crime was clearly based upon ignorance rather than professional collecting.

There are several extremely rare orchids in this country, which have been seen by hundreds of enthusiasts with no detriment to the plants; indeed, the evidence is of almost universal good behaviour.

The flowering of this helleborine in the depths of shade under a yew tree is remarkable, for the species normally only responds to adequate dappled light. Almost certainly there are some hundreds of plants remaining dormant in certain woodlands, biding their time until the forest conditions become favourable.

but in Gloucestershire I have seen

set seed within recent years.

Yours sincerely,

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Prison reform

From Dr Alex Comfort

Sir, There is a short, administrative answer to the squalor, ineffectiveness, and impending breakdown arising from our national dedication to imprisonment: it is to cut down by statute the number of imprisonable offences.

Judicial discretion is not at issue. Parliament created the range of punitive options and Parliament can alter it. Mandatory bailing of non-violent and minor offenders could make a start on the remand scandal; removal of the "boiler-plate" language which adds imprisonment as an alternative to fine over the whole range of legislation would do still more.

It pays to remember that imprisonment, and Government's love affair with it, originated in the humane concern of eighteenth and nineteenth-century reformers who hoped to replace branding, flogging, hanging, and other traditional sanctions with solitude, repentance, and spiritual reform.

Whether or not this intention ever produced results, it rapidly degenerated into a more occult form of retribution which only survives because few except the sentenced or remanded and the prison officers see it in action. Brandings and hangings were at least public and speedily over.

We are rapidly approaching the point when either Parliament will limit drastically the number of imprisonable offences, or — after more riots, more squalor and more national odium — the European Community will do it for us, as it did over corporal punishment in schools.

I am, Sir, ALEX COMFORT, The Windmill House, The Hill, Cranbrook, Kent, August 12.

Ours and theirs

From Mrs Lynne Justins

Sir, It never ceases to amaze me the number of British people who, despite years of compulsory education and endless informative television programmes, still regard countries in the old Commonwealth as "ours". Sheridan Morley (Diary, August 11) and his correspondents who wrote agreeing with his objection to Australian visas seemed to be under that antiquated impression.

They should remember that it was Britain — the mother country — who joined the Common Market, thereby snubbing the Commonwealth and causing tremendous ill will. If it weren't for the bond provided by our exemplary mutual Head of State there would be even less of the "sisterly sentiment" Mr Morley had expected to find.

In short, you can't have it both ways. Yours sincerely, LYNNE JUSTINS, 28 Bartonway, Queens Terrace, St John's Wood, NW8, August 11.

Paradox of aid in Sudan crisis

From Dr C. D. Ding

Sir, Holding back humanitarian aid to those who need it, be they victims of floods, wars or other natural disasters, is inhuman. Not long ago this year the aid agencies were ejected from the Sudan — and now they need them back. Is this not a paradox? Are the people who need the aid now any different from those deprived of it earlier this year?

Media information coming out of Khartoum about the extent of the disaster is scant, but in reality this is just an exacerbation of the chronic state the country is in. The Western-style democracy has been in power for nearly two years, yet things have gone from bad to worse.

The international community is generously helping to resuscitate this country, but political will is needed to transform first the chronic political situation and then economic failures. Imposing a state of emergency for six months (report, August 9) is being politically evasive and indecisive. Yours etc, C. DAU DING, 46 John of Gaunt Close, Aylsham, Norfolk, August 13.

Carnival safeguard

From Deputy Assistant Commissioner P. L. Condon

Sir, I am writing to correct the impression given in your report (August 16) that the Metropolitan Police has imposed a "curfew" on this year's Notting Hill carnival.

Police and carnival organisers have worked together for the last 11 months with a view to making this year's carnival safer and more peaceful than on previous occasions. In March of this year police and the Carnival Arts Committee negotiated and signed a "notice of agreement" which set out some of the important changes designed to improve public safety at carnival. The "notice of agreement" includes the following:

All the necessary arrangements before and during carnival will acknowledge the necessity for all the street events, such as bands and sound systems to be closed down in time to encourage a peaceful and safe dispersal from the carnival area by 8.30 p.m.

The prime responsibility for bringing carnival to a happy and safe conclusion before dusk rests initially with the carnival organisers and their stewards. I recognise the difficult task they face, but many of the crime and disorder problems which damage the reputation of carnival happen after dark and that is why emphasis is being placed on an earlier close-down this year.

Yours faithfully, PAUL CONDON, Metropolitan Police, West London Area Headquarters, 55 Sirdar Road, W11, August 16.

Rear seat belts

From the Reverend G. D. Foulis Brown

Sir, If, in its rear seat-belt proposals (report, August 10) the Government is to exempt children travelling on the back seat, in excess of the two or three seat belts fitted, from wearing a seat belt on the "school run" type of journey, does one secure one's neighbours' children or one's own?

Yours sincerely, GRAHAM FOULIS BROWN, Bicester Area Team Ministry, Launton Vicarage, Bicester, Oxfordshire, August 10.

TV repeats

From the General Secretary of the British Actors Equity Association

Sir, Nicholas Serpell (August 11) argues ingeniously that as the "ordinary television viewer" pays for the BBC, the corporation should have the unrestricted use of our members' recorded work. In fact, of course, directly or indirectly the poor old viewers pay for everything seen on television. Indeed they will pay a great deal more for a good deal less, in qualitative terms, if the rush to de-regulated television is allowed to continue.

That the BBC has long been under-funded and has had an exclusively public-service role has been recognised by our members tolerating its paying substantially less to them than they receive from other broadcasters. That should be enough.

Mr Serpell is also wrong in saying that we do not allow the BBC to exploit their programmes

an end in themselves and a conduit for letting off steam at South Africa, apartheid, capitalism, racism and Mrs Thatcher. But sanctions are not the objective. The real objective is the end of apartheid and the formation of a non-racial democratic South Africa with a universal adult franchise.

A subsidiary but important objective must be to achieve this change with minimum violence and in a way that develops rather than destroys the economy of the country.

When measured against these objectives, it can be seen that sanctions have an effect that is totally counter-productive. Sanctions have strengthened the hand of the extreme right wing and delayed the process of change. Increased sanctions would lead to a gradual decline in the economy and make it impossible to provide the housing, education, health care and jobs required for a rapidly expanding population.

Anger and emotion, which are understandable and in many cases justifiable, have also obscured the objective. Sanctions have become

Languages and lessons to learn

From Mr Roy Hulbert

Sir, Mr Geoffrey Holroyde (August 11) is right to draw attention to Spectrum's question, "Are we learning our lesson?" (August 8), in respect of the achievement of European language competence by British businessmen for 1992. His remedy, however, seems to be restricted to an enhanced requirement of oral competence by schools and colleges. This would certainly be a good start, but sidesteps the main problems. These seem to me to be:

1. There is a long-standing shortfall in qualified teachers of modern languages. In some secondary schools language periods may have to be reduced in number because of the shortage of qualified teachers. In some primary schools there is no teacher qualified to give language instruction; and indeed many schools fail to do so. Where a language is taught in a primary school, that language is generally French.

Remedy: include a West European language in all teacher-training courses; and require the teaching of one such language in all primary schools.

2. In the secondary schools French is, again, predominant. GCE O-level passes in French far exceed those in all other languages combined. Only a tiny minority of pupils are taught a second modern foreign language, and this is generally German. Dutch-speaking peoples are third, after those speaking French or German, in volume of trade with us in Western Europe, yet Dutch is hardly ever offered in our schools.

Remedy: select a school in each LEA (local education authority) area for the teaching of other important West European languages, such as Italian and Spanish.

3. Nationally there is a regrettable scarcity of native speakers of West European languages. Some LEAs have set their face against their employment — this being one means of meeting today's educational budgetary criteria.

Remedy: Government pressure should be brought to bear on LEAs to take up an appropriate quota of exchange teachers from EEC countries. This is the only quick

way of counteracting the vicious circle of fewer British modern language graduates and fewer students of modern languages in schools and colleges.

Spectrum mentioned the network of language export centres around the country, aimed at tailor-made language training. This might well be developed more widely but, basically, it is too little too late. Many businessmen have no "feel" for languages and no educational grounding on which to base their "crash" courses.

Yours etc, ROY HULBERT (former Vice-Principal, Harrow College of Higher Education), 103 Rowlands Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex, August 11.

World study of the weather

From Professor W. G. Chaloner, FRS

Sir, Dr Attard's letter (August 10), concerning a proposed UN resolution designed to protect weather and climate as natural resources begs too many questions. The truth is that we do not adequately understand the very complex processes involved in long-term climatic change, and the extent to which this change is being affected by processes attributable to man.

What is needed is fundamental research into the many areas in which the geosphere (including the atmosphere, oceans and terrestrial habitats) interacts with the biosphere. The International Council of Scientific Unions has taken the initiative of instituting a project under the title of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, aimed at fostering international collaboration in investigating the processes of global environmental change.

We must now hope that, for some of the reasons set out in Dr Attard's letter, the Government will ensure that funding of the research councils will be sufficient to enable them to support relevant research proposals from scientists in this country directed at pursuing these ends.

The first meeting of the Scientific Advisory Council of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme is in Stockholm in October. That meeting of representatives of the many countries which subscribe to the aims of this programme will determine the priorities and pattern of collaborative international research in this vitally important field.

Scientific investigation of the ultimate causality of global change is surely a more promising approach than calls for UN motions to grant special status to global phenomena which are still inadequately understood.

Yours faithfully, W. G. CHALONER (Chairman, British National Committee for the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme), University of London, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, School of Life Sciences, Department of Biology, Egham, Surrey, August 11.

First surgical gloves

From Sir Reginald Murley

Sir, "New York's Mayo Clinic" (Medical Briefing, August 11). Tut, tut! the Mayo is situated in the pleasant small town of Rochester, Minnesota. But Dr Stuart-Allen is certainly correct when he states that the first Lord Moynehan was not responsible for the introduction of surgical gloves. The story is rather more romantic.

Dr W. S. Halsted, one-time professor of surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, was so distressed about his scrub nurse, Miss Hampton's, sensitive hands that he had a supply of rubber gloves specially made for her. Those gloves were also shortly used by his assistants and Dr Halsted soon showed an even greater interest in Miss Hampton by marrying her in 1890.

Yours faithfully, REGINALD MURLEY (Past President, Royal College of Surgeons of England), Cobden Hill House, 63 Cobden Hill, Radlett, Hertfordshire, August 11.

In Eliot's mind

From Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP for Leicester West (Labour)

Sir, In his article on T. S. Eliot (August 15) Bernard Levin portrays the poet as a gentile if demented anti-Semite. Mr Levin "cannot find it in his heart" to condemn him, essentially because the bitter fruits of anti-Semitism had not (Mr Levin suggests) become apparent. Yet our local fascism in the 1930s was nasty, brutish and violent.

My father, Barnett (later Lord) Janner, was member of Parliament for Whitechapel and St George's from 1931 to 1935, and was a leader in the battles against Mosley's mobs. He would not have shared Mr Levin's view of recent history.

Racism in any form — and anti-Semitism is only one — should be condemned, without qualification, and in every degree, and however gentle or socially acceptable, or unforeseen, or unforeseeable, in its consequences.

The excellent London Library should find a better basis for an appeal than its past association with T. S. Eliot. Yours faithfully, GREVILLE JANNER, House of Commons, August 16.

Don't call us . . .

From Mr M. A. Truman

Sir, "We'll ring you back" is certainly taking over as the most meaningless business expression from "The cheque's in the post" (letter, August 15), particularly when heard from an answering machine. However, coming up fast on the stand side is: "Well I don't understand. I sent it down to the fax room hours ago . . ."

Yours in facsimile, M. A. TRUMAN, 8 The Crossways, Hounslow, Middlesex, August 15.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 16: The Prince Edward, Patron of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, this evening attended the opening night of "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" at the Bloomsbury Theatre.

His Royal Highness was received by Mr Ian McKellen (Vice President).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer in attendance.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Carrick, 57; Mr Robin Cousins, ice-skater, 31; Mr Robert De Niro, actor, 45; Mr D.L. Donne, company director, 63; Professor Sir Geoffrey Elton, historian, 67; Sir Leonard Figg, diplomat, 65; Baroness Gardner of Parkes, 61; Mr J.G. Gulliver, former chairman, Aggill Group, 58; Sir Michael Hadow, diplomat, 73; Professor J.P. Hodin, art historian, 83; the Very Rev R.C.D. Jasper, former Dean of York, 71; Professor Sir Leslie Martin, architect, 80; Mr George Melly, jazz singer, 62; Mr Alan Minter, boxer, 37; Mr V.S. Naipaul, author, 56; Mr Tressilian Nicholas, senior fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge, 100; Mr Harish Orem, former chairman, Rank Xerox, 64; Mr E.S. Page, vice-chancellor, Reading University, 60; Mr Nelson Piquet, racing driver, 36; Sir Eric Sharp, chairman, Cable and Wireless, 72; Miss Alfreda Thorogood, ballerina, 46; Mr Guillermo Vilas, tennis player, 36; Mr Roy Watts, former chief executive, British Airways, 55; Mr William Williams, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, 73; Professor Michael Wise, geographer, 70.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Stothard, painter, London, 1755; Wilfred Scaven Blunt, poet, Petworth House, Sussex, 1840; Oliver St John Gogarty, writer, Dublin, 1878; Mae West, New York, 1893.

DEATHS: John Gower, poet, London, 1408; Frederick II the Great, King of Prussia 1740-86; Potsdam, 1786; Matthew Boulton, engineer, Birmingham, 1809; Bernard Leger, painter, Gif-sur-Yvette, 1943; Sir John Marshall, archaeologist, Guildford, Surrey, 1958; Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, architect, Chicago, 1969; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savannah, Georgia, 1973.

Appointments

Mr N. C. R. Williams to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark in succession to Mr P. W. Unwin who will become Deputy Secretary General for Economic Affairs at the Commonwealth Secretariat in January.

Sir Oliver Miller and Sir Nicholas Goodison to be Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund in succession to the Baroness Airedale and Mr Clive Jenkins whose terms of office have expired. Sir Martin Jacobson has been reappointed a Trustee of the fund.

Bishop's move

A nine-mile circular public footpath around Ely, Cambridgeshire, is to be opened this weekend by the Bishop of Ely, the Right Rev Peter Walker.

Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant R.W. Barnes, RM and Miss A.M. Russell
The engagement is announced between Rex, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Barnes, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, and Annette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Russell, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr T.F. Dawson and Miss C.J. Barry
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs John T. Dawson, of Keymer, West Sussex, and Cressida, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony J. Barry, of Orpenham, Kintbury, Berkshire.

Captain T.J.M. Evers, RAO and Miss V.M. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of the late Mr Hugh Evers and of Mrs Hugh Evers, of Tormarton, Avon, and Vivien, only daughter of the late Mr Douglas Tristram and of Mrs Eric Cooper and stepdaughter of Mr Eric Cooper, of Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr S. Jacot de Boinod and Miss E. Hart
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.W.B. Jacot de Boinod, of Eversley, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Squadron Leader F.K. Hart, (ret), and Mrs Hart, of Deddington, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.P. Jasiewicz and Miss E.R.E. Saker
The engagement is announced between Joseph Peter, only son of Mr Joseph Jasiewicz, of Connecticut, United States, and Mrs Hannah Hudson, of Arizona, United States, and Emma-Rose Everdine, daughter of Mr Richard Seker, of West Sussex, and Mrs John Buckland, of Scotland.

Mr K.K. Nath and Miss R.J. Hurst
The engagement is announced between Kabir Kumar, son of the late Dr S.K. Nath and of Mrs I. Nath, of Swerford, Oxfordshire, and Rosemary Jeanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.G. Hurst, of Mill Hill, London.

Marriage

The Rev Anthony Christian officiated, assisted by the Rev Richard Martin.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr Andrew Irvine, was attended by Joanna and Philippa Irvine and Joseph Croft. Mr Tony Howard-Grubb was best man.

The reception was held at Hiersmonceux Castle and the honeymoon is being spent in the Far East.

Law Report

August 17 1988

Rates defaulter should not normally be jailed

Davies v Manchester City Justices
Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Neill and Sir Roger Ormrod
[Judgment July 29]
Justices should not imprison a person for non-payment of rates unless it was established that that person's failure to pay was due to wilful refusal or culpable neglect.

The inquiry required by section 103 of the General Rate Act 1967 was a statutory condition precedent to the imposition of a sentence of imprisonment; its fulfilment was essential to support the justices' jurisdiction to impose it.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Manchester City Justices

against the decision of Mr Justice Simon Brown (*The Times* November 25, 1987) that they had exceeded their jurisdiction on July 16, 1986 when they had committed Barry Davies to prison for 90 days for non-payment of rates and that he was entitled to damages to be assessed.

Mr Mark Turner for the justices; Mr M. Paul Sylvester for Mr Davies.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the ordinary procedure provided for non-payment of rates was by way of distress and the sale of the ratepayer's goods and chattels under a warrant. Imprisonment could only be imposed where non-payment was due to wilful refusal or culpable neglect.

Lord Justice O'Connor delivered a concurring judgment.

SIR ROGER ORMROD, dissenting on the first ground of appeal, namely whether the justices had acted outside or in excess of their jurisdiction in committing the applicant to prison, said that the statutory condition precedent test was not a sufficiently sensitive criterion to discriminate between the class of case which was caught by section 45 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 and which exposed justices to civil liability.

The justices had no answer to the application to quash the warrant of commitment but they could not be exposed to an action for damages for trespass and were entitled to the benefit of the protection afforded by section 44 of the 1979 Act.

Solicitors: Mr Philip K. Dodd, Manchester; Linder Myers, Manchester.

Horticulture

Fuchsias make a comeback

By Alan Toogood
Horticulture Correspondent

Among the many summer flowers at the Royal Horticultural Society's Westminster show gladioli feature strongly. A large bank of blooms has been staged by Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex, including popular lilac shades like "Lilac Wonder". The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

Competition was keen in the RHS gladioli competition, and the premier award, the Foremark challenge cup for 12 varieties, has been won by Stephen Moorhouse, of Wanstead, London, exhibiting a wide range of colours, from shell-pink "Bit of Heaven" to deep cerise "Picasso".

Champion spikes are "Bluebird" (violet and white) shown by Mrs J.E. Sudell, of Canterbury, Kent; and "Drama" (vermillion and cream) exhibited by Mr D. Hills, of Southwick, Sussex.

A gold medal has been awarded to John Mattock, of Nuneham Courtyard, Oxfordshire, for a large display of roses.

Popular summer-flowering border perennials have been skilfully staged by Rougham Hall Nurseries, of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and attracting considerable attention are the brilliant pure blue dainty spikes of *Delphinium belladonna* varieties ("Piccolo", "Volkerfrieden" and "Lamartine") contrasting dramatically with yellow helianthus and coreopsis.

Among popular summer-flowering pot plants are streptocarpus (Cape primroses) staged by Dibley's Elencydy Nurseries, of Ruthin, North Wales. A representative range from what is the best collection of named varieties in Britain, can be seen at the show. All colours are represented, from deep velvety purple "Elsie" to pale pink "Lisa".

Fuchsias are much in evidence, and exhibitions are featuring varieties grown as standards, which are making a comeback. Potash Nursery, of Hawkebury, Essex, has included standards of "Wilson's Joy" (pink and purple) and "Sunrise" (gold foliage); and



Rose Cussen from West Hampstead, London, admires Daisy Bell, a fuchsia grown by Geoff Smith. It won second prize from the British Fuchsia Society (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Oldbury Nurseries, of Brisen Green, Kent, are featuring "Ornamental Pearl" with distinctive bronze foliage.

In the British Fuchsia Society's 50th anniversary competition, an exhibit of seven pot-grown plants has scooped the major awards for Mr E. Card, of Edenbridge, Kent: the Blake challenge trophy and, for best exhibit in show, the coronation cup.

Mr B. Simmons, of Cosham, Hampshire, has fared well with pot-grown double tuberosa begonias in the National Begonia Society's competition. His exhibits include the popular variety "Peach

Melba". Mr D. Coates, of Porchester, won the class for 12 cut blooms of double tuberous varieties. The rose "Falstaff" features prominently.

In the Saintpaulia and Houseplant Society's competition, Mr W. To, of south-west London, has gained the Frances Walker trophy for most points in the saintpaulia section and has won the jubilee cup for the best plant in this section with variety "Pink Princess" (deep pink, single). Mrs S. Buttress, of Wallington, Surrey, has won the James Minty trophy for most points in the houseplant section. The Isaacs memorial

cup for best plant in this section has been won by Mr R. Gilbert, of London, with *Begonia* "Burlie Marx" (large bronze leaves).

Among summer-flowering plants which have received awards from the committees are *Itea ilicifolia* (first class certificate), a half-hardy shrub with long white catkin-like flowers, exhibited by Mr G. S. Thomas, of Horsell, Surrey; and *Buddleia davidii* "Pink Delight" (award of merit), with substantial spikes of deep pink flowers, shown by Notcutt's Nurseries, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

The show is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

Royal railway station and relics to be sold

A royal railway station containing a collection of regal relics on the Queen's Sandringham estate is to be sold off by the owner who has lost a battle to erect tourist signs.

Mr Roger Hedly-Walker, aged 41, hopes the oak-framed royal retiring rooms and contents at the former Wolferton station will make £500,000.

"I am a little man who has lost a David and Goliath battle with the royal estate," he said. "It has always refused us permission to have signs leading to our railway museum."

"There is one tiny sign and tens of thousands of visitors have no idea we exist. We had 18,000 visitors last year and that's not enough to pay our way."

Mr Hedly-Walker's father, Eric, who died two years ago,

bought the former royal retiring rooms from British Rail for £5,600 in 1967.

He opened the oak-panelled rooms, first used by King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra in 1893, as a museum for his collection of 6,000 items of royal and railway historical interest.

The rooms, including Edward's and Alexandra's rooms, a palatial entrance hall, two bedrooms, a kitchen and bathroom, will be offered for more than £200,000.

An array of royal contents worth an estimated £200,000 include a chest of drawers which belonged to King Edward VII, Queen Alexandra's chiffonier, drawings, paintings and clothes belonging to their children and telegrams in Queen Victoria's hand.

Neglected mansion is saved

Revesby Abbey, a neglected Grade I listed Victorian mansion near Boston, Lincolnshire, has been saved from further decay and possible demolition after emergency action by English Heritage (Christopher Warman writes).

The house, empty for 23 years, is a fine example of the Jacobean revival in the 19th century, designed in 1843 by William Burn, a leading architect of the period, with features including Jacobean stonework to interior baroque plasterwork.

In December 1987 English Heritage took the exceptional step of serving an emergency repairs notice on Revesby under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, the only time the Government body has used this procedure. The emergency works have been completed for about £110,000.

An application by the previous owner to demolish Revesby was refused in 1977, and English Heritage believed a new use could be found for the property.

As a result of the publicity for its emergency action last year, a number of potential buyers came forward, and the house has now been sold to a London based development group, FIL Group.

Shops planned for church

The future of St Andrew the Great Church in Cambridge, which houses a memorial to Captain Cook, is being decided by a two-day public inquiry.

Grosvenor Developments has proposed a scheme to convert the 135-year-old building into shops, which is backed by the church's owners, the Diocese of Ely, who declared St Andrew's redundant four years ago.

But Cambridge City Council oppose the plans, saying a heritage or community centre would be more appropriate for the city centre building. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, will make the final decision after hearing from his representative at the inquiry, which is expected to be completed today.

Latest wills

Sir Brandon Meredith Rhys Williams, of Gadairi, Grosvenor, Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan, former Conservative MP for Kensington and MEP for London South East 1979-84, left estate valued at £1,562,516 net.

Mr Henry Eria, of Strete, Dartmouth, Devon, left estate valued at £1,973,787 net.

Mr Alan Langley Judd, of London NW6, left estate valued at £1,061,880 net.

Mr Edward Geoffrey Stanley Champneys, of Upper Lambourn, Berkshire, £577,590.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
REAR ADMIRAL: M. H. Livesey - To be promoted Vice Admiral and appointed Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland Feb 89.

CAPTAIN: R.A. Baller - Staff of CINCPACFLT 23 Aug; J.B. Taylor - Campbelltown 3 Jan.

COMMANDERS: J.J. Brecknell - MOD London 8 Nov; R.N. Chilcott - MOD London 8 Nov; R.J. Clapp - Cochrane 14 Feb; M.P. Glancy - ARE Portsmouth 6 Jan; W.E.P. Jones - BRNC 6 Dec; M.D. Macpherson (in AHR of Captain) 22 Aug; A. Munns - Seahawk 17 Jan; N.J. Pearson - Daedalus 7 Oct; N.C. Smith - RNAS Yeovilton 24 Oct; D.L. Wainwright - Neptune 25 Nov; P. Willstedt - Rosyth 30 Aug.

SURGEON CAPTAIN (DE): B. Robinson - Warrior 28 Apr; G.D. Sharpe - Staff of CINCPACVHOME - 21 Apr.

SURGEON COMMANDERS: M.J. Fox - MOD London 20 Dec; J.R. Haydon - 23 Nov; A.E. Hodges - RNAS Yeovilton 24 Oct; M. Macleod - MOD London 18 Oct; A.P. Steele-Perkins - MOD London 25 Oct.

CHAPLAINS: P.J. Gresson - Staff of FOST 14 Oct; M.H. Jackson - Tamar 28 Nov; D.R. Jones - Invincible 1 Nov; C.J. Luckraft - York 3 Nov; M.E. Taylor - CTRM Lympstone 10 Nov; R. Thomas - Staff of FOST 14 Oct.

Retirements
CAPTAIN: R.J. Northard - 9 Oct; G.F. Walwyn - 1 Oct.

COMMANDERS: W.R. Brown - 1 Oct; O.D. Somerville-Jones - 15 Oct.

The Army
GENERAL: Sir John Stibban 9 Sep.

MAJOR GENERAL: C.E.G. Carrington - to D/Gen Transport and Movements (LEA) in succession to Maj Gen D.B.H. Colley, Sept 1988.

BRIADIER: C.L.G.G. Henshaw - To be MA PARIS, 20 Aug.

COLONEL: D. Hunt - To HQ 2 Sig Bde, 15 Aug.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: P.R. Brevin R. SIGNALS - To SHAPE, 15 Aug; L.H. Brown RCT - To HQ Sp Tps HONG KONG, 16 Aug; L.G. French R. SIGNALS - To be CO 31 Sig Regt, 15 Aug; W.A. McMahon AAC - To be CO 1 Regt AAC, 15 Aug; P.M. J. Navigation RA - To MOD (PE), 15 Aug; K.A. Price RA - To be CO 45 Fd Regt, 15 Aug.

BRIGADIER: D. Brownson CBE late RE, 16 Aug.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: A.G. Yeates - To MOD(AFD) 15 Aug.

WING COMMANDERS: G.S. Monon - To MOD 15 Aug; K. Coburn - To MOD(PE) USA 15 Aug; D.F. Grimstone - To MOD London 15 Aug; J. Worthington - To SCSS Henlow 15 Aug; C.G. Winsland - To HQ RAF Germany 1 Aug; A. Yekham - To RAF Kinloss 8 Aug; J. Dyer - To RAF Scampton 15 Aug; B.R. Neal - To Barksdale AFB USA 15 Aug; N.B. Spiller - To HQ AAFCE 19 Aug; T.E. Hamilton - To HQSTC 19 Aug; J.W. Marshall - To HQ 18 Group 19 Aug.

OBITUARY

PROF MAX HAMILTON

Rating scale for depression

Professor Max Hamilton who died on August 6, aged 76, was Nuffield Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Leeds from 1964 to 1977.

He achieved wide fame as the originator of a rating scale for depression, known as the Hamilton Scale, and subsequently he produced one also for anxiety.

His rating scale offered the clinician the tool to assess objectively the response of different forms of mental illness to anti-depressants, tranquilisers and neuroleptic drugs. It also helped to indicate when a person might be near a suicidal condition.

Hamilton's rating scale was later translated into many European and non-European languages.

Hamilton concentrated his research and teaching on common psychiatric disorders, namely, depression, schizophrenia and anxiety. He never lost sight of human consideration in clinical psychiatry, without compromising his scientific approach.

He first qualified as a doctor from University College Hospital, London. He chose to specialise in psychiatry and in 1946 joined the Maudsley Hospital on being demobbed from the RAF.

His stay there was, however, brief for he was considered unsuitable for training in psychiatry. He entered University College Hospital, London, for post graduate education where he showed considerable promise in the study of psychology, scientific methodology and statistics.

Hamilton indeed quickly grasped the value of mathematics and statistics to psychiatry. After having worked for a time at Tooting Bec Hospital and Kings College Hospital, London, he moved north to Leeds as Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry.

Here he carried out the meticulous work in the study of depressive disorders which resulted in his publishing the rating scale. All the time he was trying to refine the practical application of clinical methodology and psychometry to psychiatric research.

His appointment to the Nuffield Chair in 1964 soon led to the department of psychiatry expanding as a centre for medical undergraduates, psychiatrists in training, clinical psychologists and psychiatric social workers.

Hamilton held that clinicians were the best people to do clinical research and that this could be simultaneous

with teaching and of benefit both to patients and professionals.

He travelled widely, first to the United States of America and later to various centres in Europe.

Hamilton combined his research with writing *Psychosomatics and Methodology of Clinical Research* and the editing of Fish's three works, *Schizophrenia and Psychopathology*, *Schizophrenia for Students and Practitioners*. He also contributed widely to international journals.

He was elected in 1972 to the presidency of the British Psychological Society and later made an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He was also a founder member of the British Association of Psychopharmacology.

Hamilton's philosophy in life was to work and continue to be professionally active rather than spend his retirement in leisure, something he achieved almost till he died. His contribution to psychiatry had extended far beyond the scope of his early fame as originator of the Rating Scale.

He is survived by his wife, Doreen, their son and two daughters and by two sons from an earlier marriage.

GIACINTO SCELSI

Giaccinto Scelsi, who died in Rome on August 9 at the age of 83, was one of those eclectic, singular composers who seemed to proliferate in the first half of this century.

He worked out his music in a world of his own, adopting influences where he found or needed them, away to no particular school or style.

Scelsi was born into a noble family at La Spezia and had little or no professional training as a musician or composer. He learnt much, however, by travelling widely, imbibing, especially, the music of Stravinsky and the Second Viennese School. He was one of the first Italians to be influenced by Schoenberg.

In his early works he thus

adopted a kind of free atonality, though he also flirted with the machine music of that period, but perhaps it was in the neo-Romantic pieces of that time, such as the *Poemi* of 1937, that he found his true métier.

In *La Naisance du Verbe* for orchestra and chorus of 1948 he attempted a large scale work that adapted a 12-note method to a metaphysical content.

In the 1950s he turned towards the East as the titles of his pieces, *Ylham* for female voices of 1967, for instance, showed. This was a deliberate move towards asceticism. He also experimented with micro-intervals as in the *Quattro pezzi* for orchestra of 1959 and in his last three quartets.

Musique concrète, clusters, tape, electronics - nothing was outside his resourceful purview.

Scelsi also wrote a number of musical-philosophical essays and published three volumes of poetry in French.

This extraordinary composer has been virtually ignored in recent years as is shown by the almost complete absence of any writing on him, although the late Morton Feldman and, more recently, Ligeti acknowledged his importance as a genuine original in 20th century music.

The ICA and the Almeida Festival in London recently revived several of his scores, but many of his works remained unpublished.

MR NIGEL HOLLIS

Mr Nigel Hollis, who died on August 13 at the age of 45, was a talented book publisher and former publishing director of William Heinemann. He combined "hi-tech" publishing sophistication with the relaxed, almost patrician manner of the gentleman-publisher.

Hollis had grown up among talk about publishing, linked with Tory-Catholic politics, as the son of Christopher Hollis, the writer-MP.

After Stonyhurst he went up to Balliol College, Oxford, where he read Greats and was captain of the college's cricket XI.

His first jobs in publishing were with Burns and Oates, the Bodley Head and Frederick Muller. But he really came into his own when, in 1960, he was appointed publicity manager of William Heinemann.

It was a period of innovation in publicity methods in publishing and Hollis made skilful use of local radio and TV, planted articles and interviews all over the provincial press - and not just on the book pages - and organized a network of literary luncheons. Jokingly, he told colleagues that "the food was execrable but the speeches were usually good."

Among authors subjected to the Hollis brand of "bamboozing" were Frank 'Muir' Monica Dickens, Morris West, Wilbur Smith and Peter Ustinov.

Other authors, such as Anthony Powell, Olivia Manning and J.B. Priestley were, frankly, promoted in a quieter, rather more dignified manner.

They all liked him, not only because of his quietly charming but also because he perceived that part of his job

was to be available to authors for advice and succour, so that they would "feel loved".

After a decade his promotion to become publishing director, responsible at least nominally for the development of the whole Heinemann list, was not unexpected and was welcomed by an admiring staff.

Although Hollis discovered some valuable new authors, he was never completely happy in this position, where he was subjected to conflicts of power and personality beyond his control.

In 1982 he resigned and moved to the West Country to join David and Charles, the Newton Abbot publishers, with whom he worked successfully and happily until major surgery, followed by chemotherapy, forced him last year to resign.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and two sons.

EDWARD BOUVERIE-HOYTON

Edward Bouverie-Hoyton, who died on August 10 at the age of 88, was a gifted etcher and engraver and among the last survivors of the Goldsmith Group.

He will perhaps be best remembered for the quality of his draughtsmanship with which he succeeded in striking "the perfect balance between inner and outer vision".

In 1941 he was appointed Principal of Penzance School of Art, holding the post for 24 years and was largely responsible for putting the establishment on the artistic map. He recruited to the staff people of such talent as Bernard Leach,

the potter, Barbara Tribe, in sculpture, and John Tunard, the painter.

A student at Goldsmith's College in the 1920s, Bouverie-Hoyton was one of a group of young etchers and engravers which included Paul Drury, Will Larkins and Graham Sutherland, who was to become a life-long friend.

In 1926 Bouverie-Hoyton won the Prix de Rome in engraving and spent the next three years at the British School. One of the set pieces that gained him the scholarship was an engraving, *Head of an Old Jew*, a copy of which was later bought in Berlin by Hermann Goering, one of the

strangest art purchases ever.

In the 1930s his work appeared widely and included a commission by the BBC to do a series of portraits of important people such as Edward Elgar and Gustav Mahler and the then Prince of Wales.

He also produced advertisements for many firms including Austin Reed and Fortnum and Mason.

He was a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy, and his work was purchased by many institutions including the British Museum.

His wife Inez, an artist, died seven years ago.

MR JOHN WENDELL HOLMES

Mr John Wendell Holmes, a soft-spoken diplomat who helped define Canada's status as a middle power and leading peace-keeper in the period following the Second World War, died on August 13, aged 77.

In a diplomatic career that spanned 17 years, Holmes had a prominent role in shaping Canada's participation in world affairs. Later he served for a similar period as director of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

As an Assistant External Affairs Under-Secretary at the time of the 1956 Suez crisis, Holmes worked closely with Lester Pearson, then Canadian External Affairs Minister, on plans for a United

Nations peace-keeping force.

The force became a blueprint for some subsequent UN peace-keeping operations, and Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his role.

Holmes served in Britain during the 1939-45 War and was Canadian Charge d'Affaires in Moscow for a time afterwards.

On leaving the External Affairs Department in 1960, he turned to teaching at Toronto's York University, and later became a professor at the University of Toronto. He was sought out by a generation of Canadian students of international affairs for the insight he was able to offer.

MR BARRY BINGHAM

Mr Barry Bingham, head of a one-time United States "empire" based on Kentucky and a political associate of Democratic leaders like Governor Adlai Stevenson and President John F. Kennedy, died on August 15, aged 82.

Bingham had also been chairman of the Marshall Plan mission to France after the Second World War.

Bingham's media concern fell apart in 1986 and was sold to outsiders after his three children turned

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Warts and yet more

"As he grew into place and authority, his parts seemed to be raised, as if he had had concealed faculties, till he had occasion to use them," wrote the great 17th-century historian Clarendon of Oliver Cromwell in that distinct, style beloved by scholarly admirers of English prose and by snooty schoolboys out for a quick snigger.

For most of his learned, fluent analysis of Cromwell, in the last of the series *Late Great Britons* (BBC1), the Cambridge historian Dr John Morrill wore a scholarly frown behind his spectacles as he grew in authority and, indeed so much into place in the Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon that by the end he seemed almost part of the furniture. He resisted, however, the temptation to try on Cromwell's broad-brimmed hat, which would have been an inappropriately dramatic gesture for a programme about a man who, though a devoted reader of *The Theatre of God's Judgement*, was the scourge of man's stagey entertainments.

But there was one moment when Morrill used a concealed faculty for entertainment. Prompted by one of Oliver's more vivid metaphors — "You are a people newly made circumference but run" — the years suddenly fell from his face which adopted a suggestive boyish smirk.

"Circumcision is a painful business," chuckled Morrill minor, before some internal Chalkie quickly restored order and the history lecturer returned to the podium of his personality. As a lecturer, Morrill was to the point without being cruelly cutting and Cromwell certainly did not get a raw deal.

It seemed a slip of the tongue by Michael Beattie when, during his discussion with Bishop Richard Holloway in *When I Got to Heaven* (BBC1), he referred to meeting the Goons as though they were all still alive, but it soon became clear that this delightfully human psychic and intelligently sane comic met regularly "meets" the dead as though they were alive.

Andrew Hislop

PROMENADE CONCERT

Puzzled by tricky customer

Ulster Orchestra/
Houlihan/
Tortelier
Albert Hall/Radio 3

As Mahler once said, the music is not in the notes. Gerald Barry's *Chevaux-de-frise*, commissioned for Monday night's Prom, makes the notation at once a conveyance of the music and a barrier to it, a solid thicket of loud chords, so changeable in metre and often so fast that unanimity among the players is bound to falter.

This has been described as Barry's "Armada piece" and it has the requisite qualities of glorious hopelessness as an enterprise. But the title, which the OED first finds used exactly a century after the Armada, fits the music still more exactly, since "Friesland horses" were spiked wooden constructions set in the way of cavalry charges.

All too similarly, the score is brutal in itself and brutal in its effects. It begins as a brass-heavy, oppressively emphatic march, and although the rhythm soon trips in dotted metre towards more complex patterns, the deliberately hard, sour scoring in block chords is unrelieved.

Those who shouted "rubbish" were surely wrong in thinking that this was what the piece was about: Barry is a tricky customer, and he no doubt has his eyes and ears on the places where the brutality is self-defeating, where smudges, slips and stutters undermine the hectoring gloom. The real *Chevaux-de-frise* is not massively malignant at all, but perky and quizzical.

That said, it is hard to know what would count as a good performance: one in which the difficulties were all surmounted would make the music disappear, whereas an excess of mistakes would merely reveal incompetence. Here, however, the Ulster Orchestra under Robert Houlihan gave the right exciting impression of working right at their limits and yet coming inevitably, magnificently to grief at times.

Yan Pascal Tortelier conducted them in the other works: Sibelius's *Fifth Symphony* and Elgar's *Violin Concerto*, with Ernst Kovacic a nice, tightly lustrous soloist.

Paul Griffiths

John Percival finds that Michael Clark's maturing choreography has lost its inventive sense of fun

What comes naturally

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

DANCE

Michael Clark &
Company
King's Theatre

The title, *I Am Curious Orange*, and some of the incidents in Michael Clark's new show, refer to events involving Britain and Holland just 300 years ago, but there is little of politics in it and (surprisingly for this choreographer) even less of sexual politics.

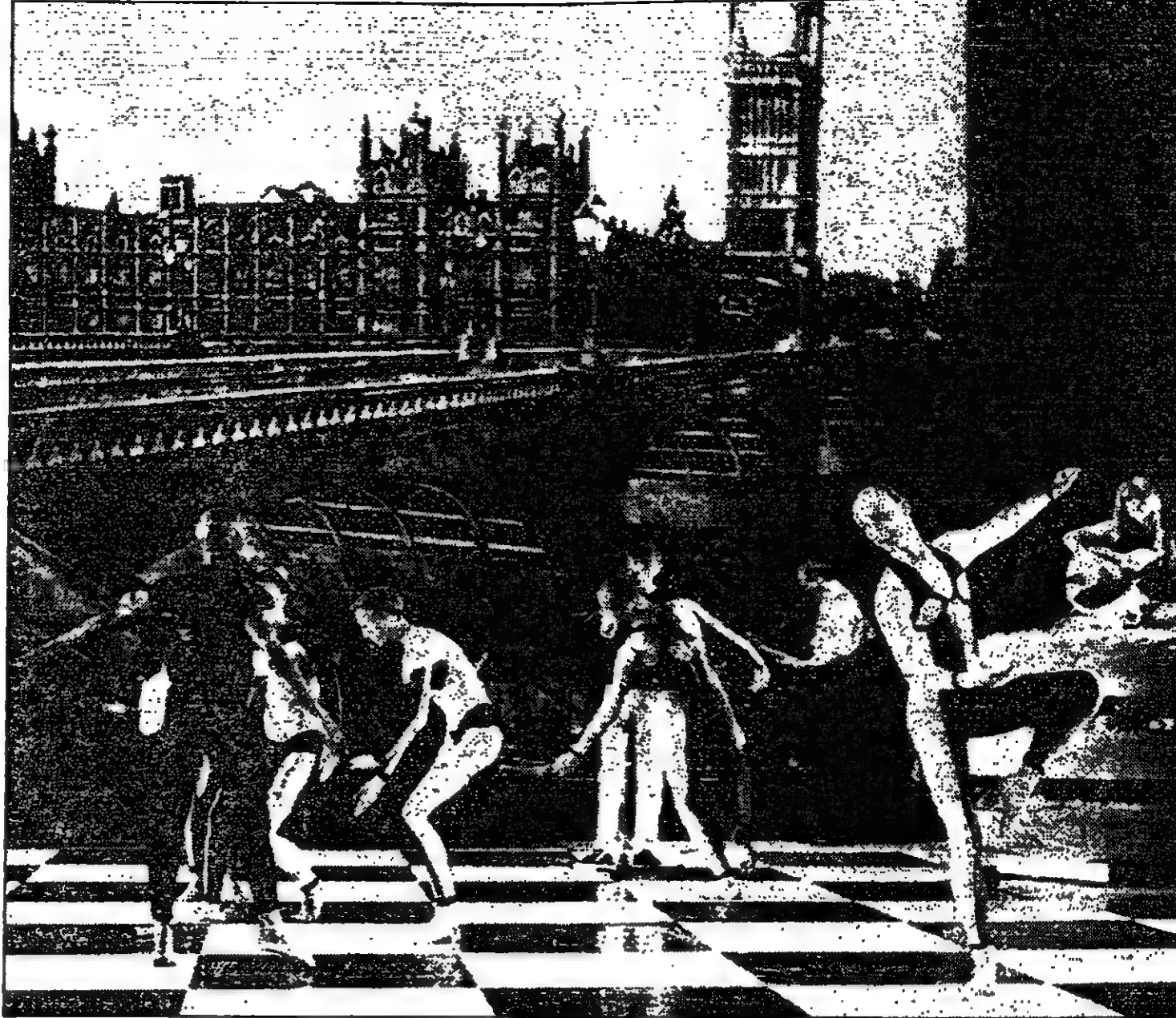
True, the opening section is danced to the British and Dutch national hymns, played over and over again in alternation or, at the end, simultaneously. Also, the last part is performed in front of a backdrop showing a lurid view of Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament.

There are also some 17th-century costumes, orange in colour, and glitteringly decorated, which Matthew Hawkins wears with more regality and more lasciviousness than Clark himself. One might suspect Clark to be one of King James's men at heart, against all odds.

Otherwise, there is perhaps more local and contemporary reference in the piece. In a sequence where Clark dances, nimbly enough, with a football attached to his right foot, the shirts worn by the dancers carry slogans of the sponsors of Celtic and Rangers.

There is also a "Glasgow's Miles Better" symbol in the décor, heaven forbid that the Lord Provost should see this, and a great packet of McDonald's French fries, which spill all over the performers.

The national anthems may be pretty rocky in performance, but they are not exactly rock. Therefore the score is provided by The Fall, a group whose recordings Clark has often used, this time



Lurid backdrop: Michael Clark & Company (with the Fall, rear) do some kicking about Westminster in the final part of *I Am Curious Orange*

playing live on stage. There is not great music, but it does have a strong driving edge on which Clark sometimes exults, sometimes just coasts along.

I must say I admire the industry of Mark Smith, as chief librettist, joint composer and lead singer, in inventing elaborate lyrics which he then goes to some lengths to make sure that you cannot actually hear.

If only Clark would show signs of similar care in construction. He is on record, in a programme note, as wanting people to relax and have fun. We could have more fun if he was a little less inclined to do what comes naturally.

Still, it is noteworthy that there are no dirty jokes this time, no sexual parts on display. On the other hand, there is little of the inventive, sharp-edged choreography he showed in his earliest pieces; perhaps we may hope for that later.

Meanwhile, Clark himself can make simply kicking about look good, and for the best of his other dancers, Ellen van Schuylenburg (in point shoes, yet) and Matthew Hawkins (dressed part of the time as a windmill) he has found some good passages.

It is touching that Clark is so

keen to be surrounded by his friends, but I wish that he could be persuaded to leave David Holah, a good dress designer, and Leigh Bowery, a sort of large aspirant to the late Divine's position, to wait for him off-stage.

Perhaps the lack of any climax or conclusion to either half of the show is deliberate. But it looks as if our lad may be growing up at last. What will come next?

Italian vigour, English reticence

From the four orchestral volumes of his *Il catalogo e questo*, we heard the tiny "Poem to Fiesole", which lies at the heart of the fourth volume, *Poemi*. Bussotti as man of the theatre appears here in full motif.

The dense score, "impure, vivid, convulsive", to use the composer's words, expands and contracts its theme, ornaments it and meditates on it in a riot of exaggerated contrast between solo and corporate playing. Its extreme fragmentation and unpredictability give it a volatility, a diffidence even in its rhetoric, which marks it unmistakably as a song of youth, to youth.

The players had a little difficulty recovering their composure for Mozart's K364 *Sinfonia Concertante*. Their readiness to warm into the centre of a phrase and their fleetness of foot, was striking in the finale. But at the start, it deprived the *Allegro* of its *maestoso* and made the soloists come perilously near tripping over each other's toes.

In the slow movement, Andrea Cappelletti (violin) and Olga Arzilli (viola) were better able to show the sensitivity of their musicianship; though only in a last minute encore, the Bartók unaccompanied Duo, did they really achieve poise.

Piero Bellugi, conducting, has been director of the orchestra since its foundation; and Brahms's First Symphony enabled him to show his players in their true colours. It was a performance characterized less by any particular interpretative distinction than by workmanlike assembly and a sympathetic understanding of the

orchestra's weaknesses and strengths.

A strong bass line and, in the first movement, an almost metronomic deliberation took care of some less than rock solid ensemble. Bellugi set just the right, propulsive tempos for the inner two movements, liberating the strings and excellent oboe soloist to sing out.

Hilary Finch

New London
Consort
Queen's Hall

After Sunday's gala festival performance of Carl Orff's hedonistic settings of the verses of *Carmine Burana*, the more intimate Monday morning concert which of-

fered 15 songs from the original medieval manuscript was eagerly anticipated.

There is, after all, more to this collection of over 200 Latin and vernacular lyrics than Orff's close-focus on the rising sap of Flora and Fauna would have us believe. Philip Pickett's New London Consort, all seven of them, happily preceded those songs of love and lust with seven of the more biting satirical lyrics.

They rail against the corruption of church and state; their short rhyming lines stab the grey-rich quick society and dry comment on the remorse of love. But yesterday their teeth were blunt. Their performance was generally characterized by a gentility and restraint which is typical of and apt for neither the robust word-play nor the pungent musical

settings of the songs themselves.

It was not the fault of the arrangements: Lute and Gittern (Tom Finucane), fiddle (Pavlo Bezosiuk) and recorder (Philip Pickett) vividly tinted the rise and fall of the melodic line and sharpened the tang of its frisky counterpoint.

But the singing of Catherine Bott and Simon Grant was, in timbre if not in accent, very English, very circumspect, with little sense of relishing the accumulation of case endings and tenses which can twist the tongue and the larynx so excitingly round the more obstreperous numbers.

Where the poet speaks more in sorrow than in anger, for instance in "Ecce torquet probitas" with its wide-set voicing and the dying fall of its cadences, the Consort was more successful. And in the second half, all "frondes, flores et odores," the voices at last began to burgeon from the instrumental abundance surrounding them.

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CONCERTS

Orchestra Giovanile
Italiana
Usher Hall

The first of the Festival's youth orchestras announced themselves on Monday night, and they are probably the youngest. It has often been said that Italy's musical life was the poorer for the lack of a youth orchestra: the Scuola di Musica di Fiesole took the criticism to heart and founded the Orchestra Giovanile Italiana from its professional training course.

The orchestra started life in 1984 and is, of necessity, renewed every three years. By my calculation, then, it seems that the band we heard was just one year old. All the more credit to them, then, that they chose to start with a short but vigorously demanding piece by Silvano Bussotti.

Truly undervalued hero

THEATRE

Man of the Moment
Scarborough

It is a commonplace that Alan Ayckbourn's comedies have become darker of late — and almost as banal to point out the dark notes in the very earliest plays, 20 or more years ago. But what is apparent in his latest, apparently his 35th, is an increasing readiness to make a definite statement that such and such a way of life is bad. He even makes his meek and unassuming hero use the word *evil* — not a word we hear often on the modern stage.

His villain is Vic Parks, a complacent thug whose armed raid on a Purley bank 17 years ago was foiled by the unexpected bravery of Douglas, a lowly bank clerk, who became a Press hero for a week.

In the years since then, Vic has made it to the top as a TV chat show host, and though as rotten as ever is now one of society's heroes. It is no coincidence that the play comes at a time when a film about yet another of the Great Train Robbers is scheduled for a Royal performance. Ayckbourn unmistakably sees the veneration of colourful criminals as symptomatic of our society's moral rot.

Douglas, meanwhile, has continued to live obscurely in Purley, married to the girl Vic held hostage, while Vic sunbathes and splashes in the pool of his Mediterranean villa. But when an ambitious TV producer (Lynette Edwards) brings the two together for a new show, *Their Paths*



Starred confidence: Peter Laird as Vic, thug-turned-television-presenter

Crossed, she tries in vain to get Douglas to express envy, rage, revenge or some other televisual emotion, instead of bobbing about good-naturedly, smiling at the man who once fired a shotgun in his wife's face.

"Evil," he replies at last, when asked if there is anything at all he feels strongly about. "It's often hard to recognize but there's a lot of it about."

Ayckbourn blasts the media for not bothering to recognize it in Vic, who is played with sturred, confident charm by Peter Laird, reminiscent of actual personalities it might be wiser not to name. And it is up to Douglas to do a repeat of his Purley heroics which end, as in *Way Upstream*, with a death by drowning.

Jeremy Kingston

King of Chinese cinema

Chen Kaige's neatly trimmed beard and the rather ascetic look of his face in repose give him the air of a mandarin, a mandarin in jeans. Intellectual asceticism, and the ancient Chinese sense of the intellectual's duty to people and culture, are apparent in his films.

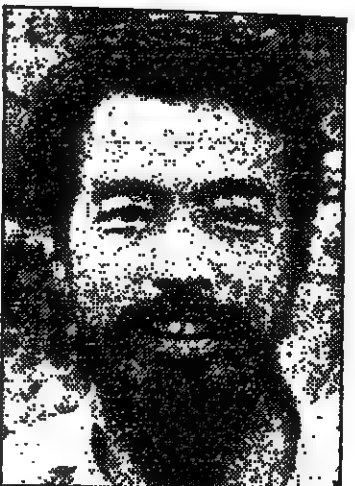
Although he does not have the appearance of a particularly driven figure, there is a hint of anguish in the way his films circle round and round the issue of individual aspirations — seemingly a fairly doomed hope — versus society and tradition. These themes express themselves in *Yellow Earth*, where the village girl is briefly awakened to freedom only to be crushed by family demands and die in the Yellow River. And in *The Big Parade* there are the hopes of the soldiers against the needs of the army.

In *King of the Children*, those aspirations of the bourgeois-turned-schoolteacher for his peasant pupils appear foredoomed, despite all moral courage, by the brainwashed autocracy of his superiors and still more by the harsh necessities of rural life. This obviously lies for Chen Kaige at the very heart of Chinese identity and its dilemmas.

His philosophic concerns do cause moments of boredom in his films, as David Robinson suggested in his review here last week. But they are saved by his expression of the experience and sufferings of whole societies and by the extraordinary luminous beauty of his cinematography. The way his camera moves across panoramas owes something to the classical tradition of Chinese painting, now resurrected after the Cultural Revolution.

Chen Kaige himself comes from an educated family of some tra-

Anatol Lieven meets
Chen Kaige, whose
latest film, *King
of the Children*, opens
in London this week



Modern mandarin: Chen Kaige

dition — his father, whose works he admires with qualifications, was also a film director in the first decades of communism. Like so many others of his class and generation, however, Chen Kaige found his life brutally disrupted by the upheavals of the Cultural Revolution, when he was sent to work with the peasants, as an industrial worker, and to the army.

For Chen Kaige, the effects on the urban intelligentsia were ambiguous: "Before the Cultural Revolution, we didn't know anything about the real China. I think we were living in a dream — a very

beautiful dream. After life in the countryside, we were changed by reality. Now, if we get the chance to make a film, we want to use it to say something to the people, to teach them. We also want above all to be independent people: before, everyone just wanted to be part of a big machine."

"Maybe the idea of a cultural revolution was not very bad. But it was a great tragedy for China. Most people today, they don't want to think about it. We have to tell them why it happened. I think we were punished by Chinese traditional culture. *King of the Children* is talking about this. Everyone was controlled by tradition, including Chairman Mao himself."

"And I don't know why people let themselves be controlled by traditional culture. It becomes a bed — people just lie on it. For hundreds of years, we haven't done anything new."

"I'm a little bit confused by Chinese reality at the moment. Maybe the young people have another beautiful dream — making money, American culture. I think there are only a few people in China who think like me. I couldn't go on making good films in China at the moment: I don't feel comfortable there."

Chen Kaige is currently working in America; something of a risk, perhaps, in view of the assimilating power of Hollywood?

"I want to learn something from American cinema, but I'm not sure. Every shot is very short and fast, it makes people excited. But after people have seen these films, some people have said to me, you can't."

THEATRE

Frantic film fun

B-Movie
Lyceum

According to my Toronto sources, Tom Wood's play is the greatest home-grown hit in the history of the Canadian stage. In a loft apartment-cum-film studio over a Chinese grocery, two small-timers struggle to shoot an updated version of *Oedipus Rex*, starring a Hollywood Jocasta and a beefy exotic dancer with no previous acting experience.

In other words, it is a farce of the kind that simply piles up a heap of absurdities. Farical thrift is unknown to this author. Seemingly vital plot points are introduced as passing gags; basic information is never followed up; and the central partners, Art and Stan, are both movie-crazed clowns, with the result that they present solo turns rather than a comic relationship.

Art is played by the author, who bears a striking resemblance to Woody Allen and who follows the Woody Allen pattern of diving into fantasy when experience is too hard to take. Except that, in this case, the element of real experience is missing.

What the piece could have been emerges in one episode when Lotte, the studio gofer declares her passion for Art to the shrouded form of the girl with whom she has just spent the night. Art promptly escapes her fury by changing into an invader from the planet Cronon, shortly followed by Blanche du Bois and a revengeful Egyptian mummy. These filmic turns are no better than those earlier in the show, but they are infinitely funnier because they are motivated by real panic.

Bob Baker directs a remorselessly high-energy show. The production scores in its shorthand references to old movies.

In this vein, even Wood is outclassed by Stephen Ouimet, a gauche boyish figure in repose, which is seldom amid tripping happy transformations as Carmen Miranda, Quasimodo, Chaplin-esque waiters, and Roman helmeted cameramen with a telescopic boom. From his performance, living inside movies looks such fun that there seems no reason for ever venturing into life outside.

Irving Wardle

WEDNESDAY PAGE

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A question of quality



Tale of two cities: Hazel Broadfoot, left, finds Edinburgh "unbelievably friendly" and likes its compact size; Louise Dyson says Birmingham is "marvellous" despite its detractors



A new survey has examined the quality of life for city dwellers nationwide. Edinburgh is said to be the city of our dreams, Birmingham the least attractive place in which to live. But do the residents agree?

Hazel Broadfoot, manager of the Edinburgh branch of Waterstone's bookshop, did not expect to like Edinburgh. When she moved there from Glasgow three years ago, everyone said: "It'll be two years before anyone asks you into their house and when they do it'll be: 'You'll have had your tea?'". It's a question for which Edinburgh is ungenerously renowned, especially in Glasgow.

In fact, Broadfoot was pleasantly surprised. "It's unbelievably friendly." It ranks high on the list of what she likes about Edinburgh, along with the fact that it is a small, compact city where everything is in walking distance of everything else.

She has, she admits rather guiltily, taken a bus only once since she has been there, and that was only because her car (a Volkswagen Polo without a carphone — she "hates" all phones) was out of service.

Her turn-of-the-century flat, with its high-ceilinged rooms, lies between the New Town and trendy Stockbridge.

Broadfoot gets up at 7am to walk, think and sort out her day. For exercise she has taken up curling in the winter, a sport which is increasingly

popular among Scottish professionals.

Property prices are rising in Edinburgh. Broadfoot made fairly major alterations to her flat, with the help of her family, and had central heating installed, and has just sold it at a profit of 80 per cent.

A single 31-year-old, she was born in Stirling, where she went to a state high school which became comprehensive shortly before she left. Private schools, of which she says Edinburgh has more than its fair share, hold no attraction for her. If she had children, she would not consider anything other than a state school. She finished her education at St Andrews University, graduating with an MA honours degree in English.

She describes herself as "very well paid" and has taken up Waterstone's offer to buy shares in the company, but does not have a credit card. She feels strongly about politics. Until the last election, she had almost always voted Conservative, but recent events have changed her mind. Now she declares she will never vote Conservative again. "I don't agree with the philosophy of 'every man for himself'. I think we're becoming a very unfair and divided society."

Professionally, Broadfoot

finds it a city dominated by men. "If I go out for a business lunch I'm quite often the only woman in the restaurant." She has no complaints about entertainment, and enjoys going to the cinema. She has a video but watches little television.

A non-smoker, Broadfoot eats out "far too much", maybe four or five times a week. She likes to entertain at home when she has time and does the cooking herself ("something quite informal"), occasionally with a little assistance from Marks & Spencer. She drinks wine, buying a couple of bottles a week, but never at business lunches.

Broadfoot admits she would be sorry to leave Edinburgh, a peaceful city, relatively free from violence and racial tension — but not sorry enough to stay. She is ambitious, and believes that promotion will eventually take her out of Scotland and perhaps even out of Britain.

No amount of beautiful architecture, late-night shops or decent jazz clubs would persuade her to choose a city before a job. Indeed, she has just taken promotion and will be moving in November to manage one of Waterstone's biggest new stores in Glasgow.

Sally Kinnes

Louise Dyson thinks it has become fashionable to knock Birmingham: "Even among the people who live and work here," she says hotly, "it has become socially desirable to say Birmingham is all things dreadful, when in fact it's a marvellous place with masses of talent and style."

At 33, Dyson is one of the city's most successful businesswomen. She started her model agency 15 years ago with zero capital, and it is now the biggest in the West Midlands.

She moved to the city when she was 18, but home now is a three-bedroomed flat, half an hour's drive away in a 16th-century grade one listed mansion on a 2,000-acre estate. She bought the flat outright six years ago, has spent "many thousands of pounds" on it and says she has no idea of its value now.

She entertains at home often: the cooking — vegetarian and up to seven courses — is done by her husband, Birmingham, she admits, is not very good on vegetarian restaurants: when she eats out (about twice a week) it is at either a French or Cantonese restaurant.

A firm supporter of the

Green Party, she cites Birmingham's many parks and nearby countryside as another of its attractions, but says she does not have as much time as she would like to take advantage of the city's three main theatres, symphony orchestra, museums and galleries.

She dismisses the Handsword image of racial disharmony and riots as another misconception: "I have a lot of friends in Handsword, and it's also the only place you can get fresh coriander."

Pressed to criticize her city, she admits that male chauvinism is still flourishing. "As a businesswoman I have to work hard to be taken seriously — men can be very patronizing."

A non-smoker who drinks rarely — except for champagne, which she buys about twice a month — she is hoping to take up yoga again after a 10-year lapse but otherwise relaxes by playing croquet in her large garden. "A gardener comes once a week because I haven't time."

She has no children but believes that Birmingham would be as good a place as any in which to bring them up. "I know there are some very good schools here, although I left mine without even collecting my O level certificates."

Her long hours — she works

a 12-hour day — means spare time is precious. Her video is used solely for work, and she watches little TV. She is embarrassed to admit she drives a black Porsche 924 ("It's a classic status symbol, I know, but I love it") but refuses to have a car phone.

She is coy about what she earns: refusing to give any clue except that she is not a millionaire — "in lire maybe".

She has a private pension, is in the process of arranging medical insurance, but has no shares. "It's gambling and I like to be in control. I've never had a loan. I've never bought anything I couldn't pay for."

"I'm happy here, as I am. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

Sandra Parsons

Personal services

Career couples require a whole new industry to look after them, doing all the mundane chores the traditional family used to take in its stride. After the snippet on Home Matters in this column some weeks ago, Candy Bowman was deluged with requests from potential customers and franchisees. Now Denise Katz, formerly a publicist for musical matters, has started the Creative Organizing Service at 48 Abbey House, Abbey Road, London NW8 9BU (tel: 01-289 0957), specializing in "home organization for busy people". Services on offer include "wardrobe planning", "tidying and re-organizing closets", clearing the clutter from children's rooms and even moving homes or offices.

There is a holiday packing service, like Bowman's, and a Busy Brides' package, which even includes writing the thank-you notes after the wedding. Prices are negotiable, depending on the scope of the job, but as a rough guide expect £100 to £150 a day or £20 to £35 an hour — so such peace of mind does not come cheap. Katz suggests that "husbands might like to buy me for a day as a present for their wives". The gift-wrapping costs extra. Write or phone for further details.

Best-smelling Hackett, reputedly one of the Princess of Wales's favourite shops, has introduced its own range of toiletries in a style meant to sit well with mahogany shaving bowls and silver hairbrushes on a gentleman's dressing table. Hackett already boasts a barber, who provides traditional haircuts and shaves, and will now be using the new Hackett fragrance of "grapefruit, lemon and lime with a touch of bergamot leaf for a refreshing, gentlemanly bouquet". Hackett cologne costs £14 in a glass-stoppered bottle but only £8.50 in a substantial travelling container. The aftershave balm and brilliantine are similarly priced. Hackett is expanding outside London and already has a branch in Cheltenham, one planned for Cambridge and another for Boston, Massachusetts, next month. But judging from reports of Michael Dukakis's fragility he is unlikely to shop there — unless Kitty insists.

Penny Plain, the Newcastle-based knitwear company which has been offering hand-knitted sweaters by mail order for eight years, has pulled off a coup in its new autumn/winter catalogue. It includes, for the first time, a capsule collection by the knitwear genius Kaffe Fassett — whose work will be exhibited in the V & A later this year. There are five Kaffe Fassett designs in this exclusive collection for Penny Plain, starting at £96 for a man's sleeveless slipover and going up to £215 for long-sleeved sweaters for men and women in a choice of rich colour combinations (each incorporates 23 colours). Gillian Banyard, who started the Penny Plain shop with her partner Christine Kerr 18 years ago and is now managing director of the all-woman company, is "thrilled" with the Kaffe Fassett collaboration, which she hopes may be the first of many. The new Penny Plain catalogue is available free from: Penny Plain, 10 Marlborough Crescent, Newcastle-on-Tyne NE1 4EE (tel: 091 232 1124).

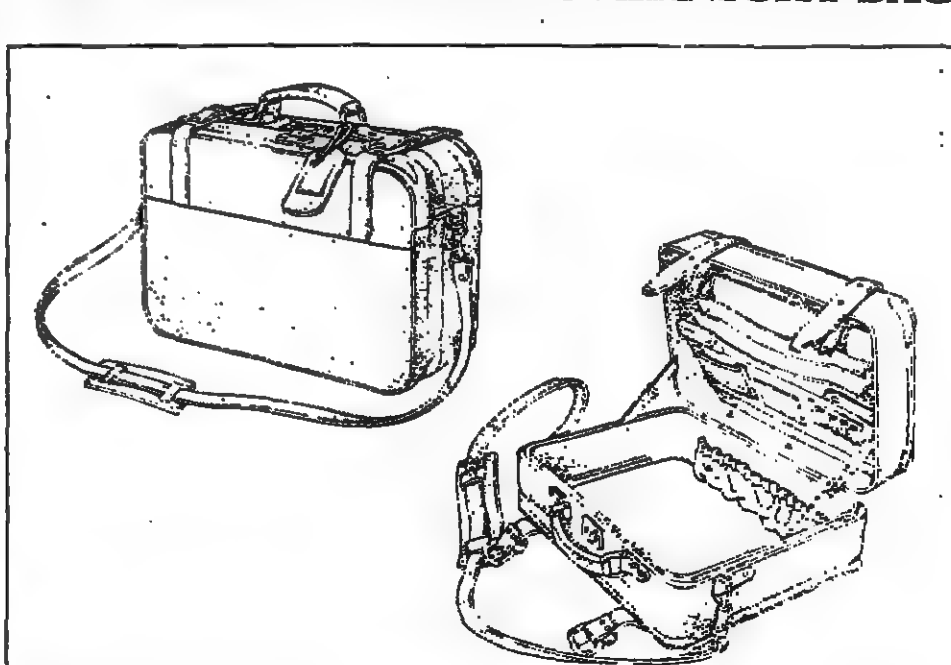
For the family Two family favourites have reappeared in new and welcome forms: Johnson and Johnson's Baby Oil is now available as a Baby Oil Mousse, and good old E45 cream, recommended for everything from breastfeeding mothers' nipples to chapped hands, has brought out Wash E45 for cleaning dry, sensitive skin. The mousse should appeal to mothers as well as babies, with its rich moisture.

Throwaway line Kitchen bins are the bane of many an otherwise perfect fitted kitchen. They are usually inconvenient and inadequate. The Holeybin aims to change all that — but it won't be to everyone's taste. The Holeybin is integrated into a kitchen worktop — where its circular lid is clearly visible. The neck of the bin liner fixes securely so that the contents of the liner are kept from the inside of the cupboard below — where a concealed bin supports the bottom of the liner bag. This supposedly ergonomically designed unit boasts "twice the capacity of most concealed wastebins", and is claimed to be easy to install. It is poised, its manufacturers confidently predict, to reduce other bins to has-beens — once it catches on. Further information from Holeybin, Cock Lane, Bradford, Berkshire RG7 6HR (0734 744150).

Quote me... "We keep all the windows shut and you watch in case they swallow something... It's much worse than making films." Woody Allen, on being a parent

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Street-wise — but is it wisdom?

Now that I have attended women's self-defence classes run by our local Neighbourhood Watch, I know what an arsenal of weapons the average handbag holds. A bunch of keys makes an effective knuckle-duster, a credit card can score a painful mark down a man's face. Our classes were taken by a 5ft 6in, 9½ stone WPC named Kim. Most of us dressed casually for the three one-hour

FIRST PERSON

Liz Gill

sessions but, in fact, a stiletto heel raked down a shin or driven into a foot with the effective force of one ton is a formidable weapon.

The first week was theoretical. We learnt such street-wise rules as choosing well-lit

places to walk or park the car, walking towards traffic so that a vehicle and its occupants cannot surprise you from behind, always having your house or car keys ready for a quick getaway.

We discussed what to do if you think you're being followed (cross the street to make sure and then ring the bell of the nearest lighted house) or if you are faced with an intruder in your own home (throw something through the window — it might raise the alarm and scare your assailant).

We talked about personal alarms which emit a high-pitched shriek and how much they cost (about £3.99).

The second session was practical. Kim's system boiled down to a three-pronged reaction: get out of the hold, kick the attacker in what she delicately calls the "underneath", and run away.

The third session was revision, followed by the rape position. This involves wrapping your legs tightly around the legs of your attacker, as if acquiescing, then suddenly throwing your legs — and consequently his — as far apart as possible. We were shown how to roll our attacker off should he pass out from this manoeuvre.

We discussed the wisdom of resistance which may spur a

man to greater violence; conversely, weeping and pleading may inflame him, too.

Kim had never had to employ any of the moves — "apart from the odd arm-lock down the Arsenal" — but believed in having a go, providing one has practised enough.

After class we swaggered down the avenue, barely able to resist the temptation to jostle youths off the pave-

ment. My husband says some poor chap will only have to ask directions in our street to find his manhood in jeopardy.

There was some concern that the classes, by making us more aware, might make us more fearful. However, they have been informative, five, enlightening and, perhaps inappropriately, good fun.

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★ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON**: J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Ben Harrison as the fabled earl and Edward Fox as the fabled earl's son. Theatres Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 8832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed, Sat 3-5.50pm. £25-£11.

★ **LE CIRQUE IMAGINAIRE**: Return of Victoria Czeizler and Jean Sauter. Theatre in a room show most loved by fans. Marmalade Theatre, Fiddlers Dock EC4 (01-226 5566). Tue, Blackheath. Mon-Sat 7.30-8.45pm, £25-£12.50.

★ **DON'T GO AWAY MAD**: US actor Michael Moriarty in first production over here of William Saroyan's hospital play of 1948. Deodar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.45pm, £25-£11.

★ **DRIVING MISS DAISY**: Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Charles Palmer in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewish and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting. Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2653). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £25-£14.

★ **EASY VENTURE**: Attractive revival of Noel Coward 1926 with Jane Howland and her teenage husband's frightful country folks. Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

★ **THE FANCY MAN**: A new Mike Stott play about a young man's love of cricket and pigeons and his new bride's own preferences for love bring turmoil to a Northern village. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Opens tonight 7.20pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.50pm. Mon-Sat 7.30pm and Mat Sat 2.30-5.50pm. £7.50-£12.50.

★ **HAPPY GOODS**: Puzzling new Tom Stoppard play. Spies, physics and misunderstandings: with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Iain Glen. Until Sept 10. Aldwych Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 5404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Wed 2.30-5.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, £25-14.50.

WORD-WATCHING

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REUSE

(a) Originally an establishment that rented out carriages, it now suggests Hertz, Avis, etc. from the French *remette*. Nahokor: "A veritable Proteus of the highway, with his/her/his/itself as an ever-ready vehicle to another. But I never could discover the remises he used."

(b) An official of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, or a similar organization who deals with international debt. The *remise*: "The debt-ridden official was not alone in seeing virtue in the Bradley proposal."

(c) The fruit or nut of the cultivated hazel, *Corylus avellana*, ripening around August 22, the feast day of St. Philibert, a pious French abbot who died in 684. "Filberts are wholesome than the common hazel nuts."

(d) In the Bible the name for the Syrian rock hyacinth; hence a fool or dupe; a back formation from *conium*, from the Old French *conium*, plural of *conium*, from the Latin *conium* a rabbit.

★ **THE RECRUITING OFFICER**: Jim Broadbent as rascally Sgt Kite in a strongly cast production of Farquhar's tough comedy. Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). cc 01-240 7200. Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm; mats Sat 4-6.30pm. Mon-Wed 24, Thurs-Sat 25-£12.

★ **LONG RUNNERS**: ★ *And Then There Were None*: Strand Theatre (01-836 2650). ★ *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). ★ *Cats*: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). cc 01-404 4079. ★ *Falsetto*: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 3339). ★ *42nd Street*: Drury Lane Theatre (01-436 8108/9). ★ *Kiss Me Kate*: Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111). ★ *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*: Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). ★ *Me and My Girl*: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7613/4). ★ *Les Miserables*: Palace Theatre (01-434 0508). ★ *The Mousetrap*: St Martin's Theatre (01-638 1433). ★ *The Phantom of the Opera*: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). ★ *Run For Your Life*: Cricton Theatre (01-930 3216). ★ *Starfield Express*: Apollo Victoria (01-826 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

★ **CHICHESTER**: ★ *Translations*: Excellent Brian Friel play about British troops re-mapping rural Ireland in the 19th century. Six performances this month under canvas. Festival Theatre Tent, Osklands Park (0243 781312), tonight and Thurs, 8-10pm, £4.

★ **NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE**: ★ *Back With a Vengeance*: Dame Edna off on grand tour around the English outback. Wave your glads with pride. Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091 232 2001). Tues-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £5-£17.50.

★ **PLYMOUTH**: ★ *Brigadoon*: The first Latter and Lowe Broadway hit: romance and magic 'mid the Scottish mists. Theatre Royal, Royal Road (0752 882829). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 9pm, mat Thurs 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £25-£10.

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Dark deeds of death

The playwright George Chapman rates only a dozen mentions in *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* and "a walking dictionary" must be the only phrase of his still in common use. Both his tragedies and comedies were popular in Jacobean times but nowadays his name lives chiefly because of his translation of Homer — the one that excited Keats so much that he compared himself to stout Coriander slipped upon that peak in Dorset. Chapman's most famous tragedy is *Russy D'Ambro*, telling of dark deeds at the French court of Henri III, and Jonathan Miller has chosen it for his next production with David Threlkeld as the flamboyant hero — "fortune's proud mushroom shot up in a night" — who is lured to the court by the King's brother (Hugh Ross), with assassination in mind. Guilty love interest and vengeful husband's rage are supplied by Sara Kestelman and Lorcan Cranitch. Miller's production is set in period costume and the stage, which was given a dizzying rake for the theatre's last production, the marvellous *Too Clever By Half*, will be back to its normal level. Old Vic Theatre, London SE1 (01-928 7616). Previews tomorrow 7.30pm. Opens August 23, 7pm. £4-£14. *Jeremy Kingston*

Canon Chelsea (01-352 5086). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40. Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.45. Canon Oxford Street (01-536 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

★ **HANDFUL OF DUST** (PG): Directed by Charles Sturridge, James Wilby and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Evelyn Waugh's savage novel (118 min). Canon Fulham Road (01-370 2838). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.10.

★ **HAWKS**: British black comedy, set in the hotspots of Amsterdam and London, with Timothy Dalton and Anthony Edwards as two men faced with the prospect of death. Written by Roy (Last of the Summer Wine) Clarke, directed by Robert Ellis Miller (110 min). Odeon Haymarket (01-339 7897). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 5.00, 8.40.

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Canon Tottenham Court Road (01-536 6148). Progs 2.45, 5.25, 8.05, Late 11.15.

★ **THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN** (PG): Delightfully jaunty black comedy, with Danny DeVito as a dirt-witted adult student who proposes a murderous deal with his frustrated teacher (Billy Crystal). DeVito also directs (88 min). Canon Fulham Road (01-370 2838). Progs 6.10, 8.20, 10.25.

★ **WINGS OF DESIRE** (15): Wim Wenders's epic tale of two angels switching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min). cc Gals (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 6.00, 8.45.

★ **TRACIE AUSTIN**: This pianist has produced a series of disc recordings, Bach's D minor Prelude and Fugue, Mozart's Sonata K 311, St Martin-in-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 5064). 1.15-1.45pm, free.

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★ **BERIO'S BOOCHERIE**: The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland is conducted by James Loughran in Berio's *La Ritrattura* of *Madama Butterfly* (1974). The *Madama Butterfly* is a concert for orchestra, Respighi's *Flora* of *Roma*, and John Lill as the piano for Rachmaninov's *Concerto No 3* Op 30. Jubilee Hall, Leith Road, Edinburgh (01-228 1158, cc 01-228 5759). 8pm, £2.50-£10.

★ **TURANDOT**: New, zany production in Swedish by the Folk Opera of Stockholm, visiting the Edinburgh Leth Theatre, Edinburgh (01-228 5759 or 01-240 7203). 4-7pm, £2.50-£10 to £25.

★ **THE LITTLE RATS**: The National Youth Music Theatre presents its latest production, a tale of the baroque *Gamine of the Paris Opera* in the 1840s. George Square Theatre, Edinburgh (01-228 5759 or 01-240 7203). 4-7pm and 7.15-9.30pm, £5 (concessions £2).

★ **BROKEN ENGLISH**: Start of a brief British tour by the why Rolling Stones surrogate, currently struggling in bottom reaches of the charts with "Do You Really Want Me Back?". Riverside, 57-59 Macclesfield St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (081 221 4388). 7.30pm, £25-£50.

★ **RUMBLAITA**: Five-piece band from La Paz, Bolivia, playing traditional Andean music, dominated by the quince, tooting sounds of panpipes and tamboos. Riverside, 57-59 Macclesfield St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (081 221 4388). 7.30pm, £25-£50.

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★ **I AM CURIOUS, ORANGE**: Michael Clark's new dance show with light music by The Fall. King's Theatre, Leven Street, Edinburgh (01-226 5759). 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£8.

★ **THE MONKEY KING**: Dance, acrobatics, music and drama by the Peking Opera. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 3191). 7.30-10pm, £4-14.

★ **TOMORROW'S DANCERS**: Ballet Rambert school in new works. Chaplaincy Centre, Bristol Square, Edinburgh (01-687 7426). 2.20-3.40pm, £3.50.

★ **A MATTER OF CHANCE**: New gymnastic dance piece for the Kosh, adapted by Roger McGough from Nabokov's story. Theatre Workshop, Hamilton Place, Edinburgh (01-226 5425). 8-9.30pm, £5.

★ **CLARK TRACEY QUINTET**: It is hard to imagine a less suitable venue for the drummer's impassioned hard bop. Summerstage Jazz, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 6800) 8pm, £4.

★ **DUDU PUKWANA**: The South African reed player leads a quartet which includes guitarist Lucky Ranku. Jazz Cafe, 55 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4830) 8.30pm, £3.

★ **LARRY ADLER**: Second and final week from the veteran harmonica player. Plaza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 9.15pm, ring for prices.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear
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BBC1

- 6.40** *Concert* AM.
6.40 *Edgar Kennedy in Muthy in the County* (b/w). **6.55** *Weather*.
7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Kirsty Wark and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27.
8.30 *Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars* (b/w). Episode four of the vintage 60-4 adventure serial starring Larry "Buster" Crabbe. **8.50** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather.
9.05 *But First This!* introduced by Andy Crane and the gang, beginning with *The Pink Panther Show*. Three cartoons (r). **9.25** *Why Don't You...?* 7 Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (r). **9.30** *Lateral and Hardy*. Cartoon.
10.00 News and weather, followed by *Gentle Ben*. Adventures of a young boy and his pet bear. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard (r). **10.30** *Play School* with Robin Kingdon and Liz Watts (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven with pupils from the Arts Educational School, Chiswick.
11.00 News and weather, followed by *The Frightening Devil* (b/w). In episode three of the 12-part thriller and "Lightning" strikes again.
11.30 *Great Mysteries*. Two women and a young girl who have had a previous life as religious heretics in 13th-century France. Henry Lincoln investigates the West Country canon who turned himself to be at the centre of their reincarnation (r).
12.00 News and weather, followed by *The Garden Party* introduced by Viv Lumsden and Gannon Holmes. Includes puzzle inventor Professor Erno Rubik; plus Roddy Llewellyn exploring the landscapes. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

BBC2

- 6.55** *Open University*. Ends 7.30pm. **9.00** *Cosplay*.
12.30 *Open University*. Starts 1.30pm.
1.30 *Pigeon Street* (r). **1.35** *Cosplay*.
2.00 News and weather, followed by *Buying a Slice*. The truth behind rural living (r). **2.30** *Italiana*.
3.00 News and weather, followed by *James Cameron: Once Upon a Time*. Part two of the five-part series in which the late journalist analyzes his career (r). **3.50** News and weather, regional news and weather.
4.30 *Dr. Kildare*. Vintage American medical drama series starring Richard Chamberlain (r).
4.35 *Great Little Britain*. A six-hour journey across Rajasthan in north west India on the Marudhar Express (r). (Coefax).
5.05 *Couples*. Sir Yehudi and Lady Menzies talk about their 40 years of married life (r).
5.30 *A Long Day's Journey*. How do you recognize when commuting becomes too much to cope with? Nigel Farrell assesses the stresses of that expensive and exhausting trip to work and back.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00** TV-41 beginning with *The Morning Programme* introduced by Richard Kaye 7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Mike Morris and Richard Kaye; **8.50** *Weekday*, for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 *Thames News* and weather.
10.00 *What's My Line?* O'Clock game. Introduced by Andy Rippon. The guests are Jill Cooper, Ted Rogers, Carol Royle and Nino Fretto.
10.10 *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* (r). **10.25** *News* headlines.
10.30 *Which Way?* A *Jeopardy!* Special with advice for school leavers 11.10 *Albion* 11.25 *Thames News* and weather.
11.30 *Way of the Ladies*. Tony Warburton continues his exploration of the Lake District 12.00 *That's My Dog*. Canine quiz presented by Derek Hobson 12.30 *The Saturday*. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
1.00 *News at One* with John Suchet.
1.30 *Thames News* and weather followed by *Crimescene*.
1.30 *A Country Practice*. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township.
2.30 *History's Great Moments* introduced by Hilary Kay 3.00 *Take the High Road*. Drama serial set in the Scottish Highlands 3.30 *Thames News* and weather.
3.30 *Sons and Daughters*. Australian family drama serial.
4.00 *The Little Rascals* (r). **4.10** *Rub a Dub Dub* (r). **4.30** *News* headlines.
4.40 *Kellyvision*. Chris Kelly and Gaz Top discover how *The Return of the Antelope* and other drama series are made 5.15 *Gave*. Comedy series.
5.40 *News* with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 *Thames News* and weather.

CHANNEL 4

- 12.00** *Just 4 Fun* Hand in Hand. Series for both deaf and hearing children (r).
12.30 *Business Daily*. Financial and business news service presented by Damian Green.
1.00 *Sesame Street*. Pre-school learning series. The guest is George Brown.
2.00 *Channel 4 Racing* from York. Brought Scott introduces coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 (Tote Diamond Jubilee Stakes), 3.45 and 4.15 (Tote).
4.30 *Countdown*. Today's challenge is Peter Barlow from *Minard*, Argyll.
5.00 *Cartoon Alphabet*. This first of a new series begins with cartoons featuring Andy Fandy and Betty Boop.
5.30 *Work a Mindy*. Comedy series about an alien from another planet and the girl who takes him under her wing.
6.00 *Fanny Hill*. Domestic comedy series.
6.30 *Woman Working*. Union Mads. This third of four programmes examine women's involvement in trade unions.

King of the comeback

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Glam rock, a parody in itself, was always ripe for further parody as Gary Glitter proved, again and again (11 UK top 10 hits between 1972 and 1975, 30 million records sold worldwide). These records, which were largely indistinguishable from each other, were thumping chants that took their cue from the football stadium (Slade, the Faces and the Bay City Rollers were other practitioners). The British public, it seems, will always find a soft spot for a big-hearted geezer with a sense of burlesque and a taste of outrageous costumes: Glitter was always a comic figure, and sometimes one wonders if his secret role model wasn't Frankie Howard. In manner he is also related to Russell Harry and Elton John whose unlikely dandyism and blunt camp he shared. But, unlike John, Glitter never succeeded in the US, hence the later bankruptcy and countless comebacks. In *That Was Then... This Is Now* (BBC2, 6.50pm), the old trouper, looking more and more like a Thunderbirds puppet, stages his latest return; not for him the chameleon changes of Bryan Ferry or David Bowie. Gary Glitter has, for all the *Up Pompeii!* costumes and the Ruritanian uniforms, always remained indisputably himself, just an average bloke, as he puts it, following a dream.



Rock 'n' roll revivals: Gary Glitter, an average bloke with a sense of burlesque and a lot of crazy costumes (BBC2, 6.50pm).

● However much the method of police detection has changed, however much the nature of serious crime has changed, television's treatment of criminology has altered very little in tone since those lugubrious old Edgar Lustgarten Scotland Yard films of the 1950s. The introduction to *Crimewatch* File (BBC1, 9.30pm) by Nick Ross is entirely in the tradition of Lustgarten and Shaw Taylor.

The same odd mixture of fact is presented, for the sake of reassurance, as though it were narrative fiction: "The story begins on a Sunday night at the home in Romford in East London..." The same awkwardness is apparent in a structure which alternates between sombre interviews with case officers invariably clumsy at TV presentation, and slick dramatic reconstruction. The effect is not dissimilar to the tone of censoriousness and sensationalism referred to by

Chris Pettit

What the butlers saw

RADIO CHOICE

● Time was, perhaps, when the test of a good butler was how much he resembled Jeeves or the Admirable Crichton. The yardstick these days seems to be Ivor Spencer, who runs a school for butlers. It turns out the kind of Spencer clones which the title of the *Wednesday Feature* fashionably but misguidedly calls *A Superstar's Superstar* (Radio 4, 11.00am). Spencer's credo is that once you've got a butler, you've arrived at the Everest peak compared with which a Bat in Park Lane plus a Rolls and a Porsche in the garage are mere foothills. For listeners, *A Superstar's Superstar* is by way of being a free introductory lesson at the school for aspiring Jeeveses. We learn what a butler should do if he discovers his married master in bed with a stranger, if woman when he takes in the breakfast tray. He should not



Ivor Spencer: the doyen of British butlers (R4, 11.00am).

cleans his teeth four times a day, one of his students explains with endearing logic: "Because nobody's fond of bad breath." Spencer, we feel, would not happily hand over the diploma of merit at the end of the course to another of his pupils who admits that he always wanted to work for "a real bastard" because if he could please him, he could please anybody.

● John Mortimer ensured the authenticity of the TV adaptations of his Rumpole tales by adapting them himself, and he has taken out the same insurance policy in respect of the radio versions called *Rumpole* (Radio 4, 12.25pm). Maurice Denham's Old Bailey hack is a scaled-down version of the oratorical rotundity of Leo McKern's famous impersonation, but if you are patient, the Denham Rumpole will soon begin to spin the same web of fascination as the McKern Rumpole.

Peter Davalle



Composer Vivian Ellis, now in his eighties (ITV, 11.05pm).

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With Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia airports closed, the country's economy would be hit. The government is trying to persuade the unions to accept a deal. The airline industry is expected to lose £10m a day if the strike continues.

However, two European airlines were building a bridge over the strike. British Airways and Air France were both expected to fly to London. The airline industry is expected to lose £10m a day if the strike continues.

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1473.3 (+7.7)	US dollar 1.7210 (+0.0100)
FT-SE 100 1825.3 (+8.5)	W German mark 3.2157 (-0.0044)
USM (Datastream) 168.49 (-0.11)	Trade-weighted 77.1 (+0.1)

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Hawker's £29m US purchase

Hawker Siddeley, the engineering company, is buying Dranez Technologies, a leading US electronics instrumentation company, for \$50 million (£29 million) in cash. Hawker claims to have the backing of shareholders representing 52 per cent of the company's equity.

Based in Edison, New Jersey, Dranez designs and manufactures precision electronic instruments for a wide range of applications.

Court move

Farmers Group, the US insurance company, has asked the Franklin County Court in Columbus, Ohio, to overturn a decision last week by Ohio insurance regulators to approve BAT Industries' takeover bid for Farmers.

£1m purchase

Douglas Group, the construction company, is buying Town and Country Tarpace Contractors, an Edinburgh-based sand quarrying and road surfacing group, for about £1 million.

Geevor in deal

Geevor is to invest £250,000 in Nor-Quest (Western), which owns a gold exploration property in Costa Rica.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2032.88 (+28.82)
Tel Aviv	Nikkei Average	2786.55 (-4.74)
London	FT 30 Share	1473.3 (+7.7)
Frankfurt	DAX	1458.1 (-13.0)
Paris	CAC	348.4 (-1.3)
Stockholm	SMA	487.2 (-3.4)
Oslo	OSEX	952.81 (+3.35)
Copenhagen	OMX	1042.80 (+3.82)
Amsterdam	AEX	181.4 (-1.5)
Brussels	BELX	97.34 (-0.04)
Zurich	SIX	87.88 (-0.12)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RANGE	399.4p (+25p)
COPIERS	188.9p (+13p)
SCOTCH	383.5p (+15p)
WHITBREAD	480p (+10p)
CANTORS 'A'	144.5p (+21p)
PEARL	479.5p (+10p)
A GOSWELL	92.5p (+5p)
BICC	582.5p (+10p)
MICROFILM	422.5p (+10p)
PARSONS	712.5p (+12p)
LENO	280p (+10p)
GRANGER	487.5p (+15p)
BURMAN	527.5p (+15p)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Rate	11%
3-month Interbank	11 1/2-11 7/8%
3-month Treasury	11 1/2-11 3/4%
US Prime Rate	10%
Federal Funds	8 1/2%
3-month Treasury	7.06-7.04%
30-year bonds	9 1/2-9 5/8%

CURRENCIES

London	New York
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London Fixing	AM \$432.00 PM \$432.25
Close	\$431.75-432.25 (\$250.50-251.00)
New York	Comex \$431.60-432.10

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept)	pm \$14.95 (\$14.90)
Denotes latest trading price	

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Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: A Cohen (02919) lifted 50p on stake speculation and Monarch Resources (04297) surged 25p on gold exploration hopes; Cantors non-voting A shares (01809) jumped 21p ahead of figures; news of a rights issue pushed Blagden Industries (02511) down 5p; bid hopes lifted Batleys (01764) 6p.

Marubeni Corporation (07231) and Dares Estates (03415) are available from today.

Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Tax revenue boom springs £1bn surprise

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The City was caught by surprise by new evidence that the Government's finances are generating an unexpectedly large surplus because a booming economy has swelled tax revenues.

A rash of much higher dividend payments by companies boosted tax receipts by an unexpected £1 billion in July, enabling the Government to repay £1.7 billion of national debt in the month.

The July financial surplus was £1 billion higher than the most optimistic City forecast. It brings the surplus for the first four months of the 1988-89 financial year to £3.2 billion, compared with a public sector borrowing requirement of £1 billion in the corresponding period of 1987-88.

The figures show that Government spending is under firm control, rising less than 1.5 per cent in the first four months. But the boom in private incomes, spending and profits has boosted Inland Revenue and Customs & Excise receipts by an average 10.5 per cent.

Private forecasts of public sector debt repayment (for- mally negative PSBR) for the year were rapidly revised.

Mr Simon Briscoe of Greenwell Montagu, whose forecast July surplus of £750 million was nearest reality, has raised his predicted PSBR for the year from £7 billion to £8 billion. Mr Gerard Lyons of SBCI Savory Miln has raised his forecast from £7.2 billion to £9 billion.

These estimates are at the top of the range. But they compare with the Chancellor's official Budget forecast of a £3.2 billion PSBR. Mr Lawson acknowledged last month that the final outcome might be higher.

The figures show that the private sector is growing much faster than expected. They can therefore be read either as confirming an extremely tight fiscal stance or as further evidence that the economy is overheating and threatening inflation.

The markets inclined to the pessimistic view yesterday. Gilt-edged prices were weak. "At any other time, the figures would have been taken well," said Mr Lyons. "But they do suggest that the private sector is dissaving and running into deficit."

July was expected to be a relatively poor month for government finance because it saw the impact of the Budget income tax cuts. With rebates for earlier months, these may have cut tax receipts by £750 million. There were also no privatization proceeds.

These factors were outweighed by the unexpectedly buoyant level of income and spending taxes. Quarterly tax payments by the self-employed were up sharply. The £2 billion quarterly payment of advance corporation tax linked to dividend payments was about double the level of last July. There was also a £300 million repayment from the EEC.

The August figure may also be buoyant. Although there will be no special quarterly tax payments, the second instalment on the government sale of BP shares is due at the end of the month.

Mr Briscoe says the unexpected buoyancy may have pushed the Bank of England unintentionally back into a policy of overfunding the Government's requirements.

The tax surplus could create policy dilemmas for the Government, especially if pressure to raise taxes, voiced by the OECD, increases.

US \$12.5bn trade gap higher than expected

By Our Financial Editor

The dollar fell sharply, but later more than recovered its losses as foreign exchange dealers reacted to the tensely awaited US trade figures.

The seasonally adjusted merchandise trade deficit for June rose to \$12.54 billion (£7.35 billion), about \$1.5 billion more than expected and at the top end of market forecasts.

Initially, the dollar fell by 3 pence to DM1.8500 and by nearly 1/2 to a low of Y131.30 in New York. Against sterling, the dollar dropped more than 2 cents from Monday's New York close to \$1.7375.

Later, the US currency, with support from Europe, moved back to DM1.8845 and Y133.20 and to \$1.7130 against the pound, as analysts predicted that the Federal Reserve Board would tighten its monetary policy.

The Dow Jones industrial average held up well, gaining 17.24 points to 2,021.51 by mid-afternoon, but US bond prices fell. The long bond yield edged over 9.5 per cent, near its highest since the October crash.

The June merchandise trade deficit compares with an April deficit of \$10.3 billion, which broke the previous run of poor figures. The May deficit was originally estimated at \$10.9 billion but was revised sharply down to \$9.76 billion yesterday, the lowest monthly figure since the \$8 billion trade gap in December 1984.

Some analysts said that the bad June figures should be taken in conjunction with the exceptionally good revised figure for May, suggesting there had been no break in the trend and that currency markets may have over-reacted.

But the latest figures, when taken with the unexpectedly rapid growth in US industrial output in July, suggest renewed strength in the American economy.

Exports actually fell by a seasonally adjusted 2.4 per cent in June to \$26.8 billion while imports rose by 5.7 per cent to \$39.4 billion.

The manufacturing deficit widened from \$11 billion to \$13.6 billion, showing little sign of an improving trend.

There was a particular surge of imports of capital goods and cars, which alone accounted for most of the deterioration in June.

The trade deficit with Europe widened sharply but it also increased with all other big trading partners.

Engineering company is now a world leader



Top bid: Roger Pinnington (left) and Michael Harper, managing director of the Gravier arm (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Pilgrim buys Kidde Fire group

By Cliff Feltham

Pilgrim House Group, formerly known as the RHP engineering group, has won an international auction to buy the Kidde Fire Protection Group (KFP) from Hanson in a deal worth £149.3 million.

The business was acquired by Hanson as part of its \$1.7 billion (£985 million) acquisition of Kidde Inc and will turn the Pilgrim group into a £300 million world leader in fire detection and suppression

systems. There was fierce competition from 200 companies to buy KFP.

Pilgrim is paying for the acquisition by issuing 24.9 million new shares at 171p each to raise £42.6 million with the balance of £106 million coming from its own resources. Pilgrim shares fell 5p to 185p.

Mr Roger Pinnington, Pilgrim's chief executive, said that merging the new business with its own Gravier fire protection division, "will create a world force in aerospace, defence and specialized industrial fire detection and suppression markets."

The acquisition will push up Pilgrim's gearing to more than 60 per cent. But it intends to embark quickly on a disposal programme aimed at shedding some of the low-technology parts of the KFP group which could raise almost £50 million.

In the year just ended, KFP made an operating profit of £15.3 million on turnover of £154.7 million. The company is based in the US but has subsidiaries in Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden. Its activities include fire and smoke detection systems for aircraft, and industrial fire control systems.

After the sale of its bearings division, Pilgrim has been transformed from an engineering group into an international specialist in high-technology electronic goods.

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De Beers shines on 87% leap

By Colin Campbell

De Beers Consolidated Mines, besting in record diamond sales and strong demand, yesterday posted interim profits which stunned followers.

Pre-tax profits were 87 per cent higher at R1.19 billion (£286.7 million at the commercial rand rate), and attributable profits for the six months to end-June rose 113.6 per cent from R589 million to R1.26 billion.

The group, which started diamond operations in South Africa 100 years ago this year, is raising its interim dividend from 27.5 cents a share to 45 cents. Diamond sales also look likely to be satisfactory in the second half.

The shares, traditionally quoted in dollars and often closely followed on Wall Street, rose from \$10 1/2 to \$11 before easing to \$10 1/2.

The Central Selling Organization, the group's marketing arm, recently announced first half diamond sales of \$2.2 billion (£1.27 billion) compared with \$1.56 billion in the first half of 1987, and in May introduced an average 13.5 per cent diamond price increase.

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Parkfield £2m foundry deal

Parkfield Group, the acquisitive foundries and engineering business being built up by Mr Roger Felber, is paying £2 million cash for the Horwich Foundry near Bolton, Lancashire.

The business used to be the Horwich works of the soon to be privatized British Rail Engineering. It makes brake blocks and castings for British Rail.

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Investors attack weekly living expenses

Anger over Clowes's £1,000 allowance

By Rosemary Unsworth

Investors in the crashed Barlow Clowes group were furious last night when it emerged that Mr Peter Clowes is claiming £1,000 a week living expenses. Many of the 18,500 investors are facing financial ruin after the company went into liquidation with tens of millions of pounds missing.

Mr Peter Whitworth, Barlow Clowes Investors' Group secretary, said: "It's absolutely disgusting that he has been allowed to draw £1,000 a week. He should go and queue up at the dole office like everyone else who hasn't got any money."

Mr Leslie Mullard, aged 73, a Manchester investor who stands to lose his home after investing £63,000 in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar fund, said: "I can't understand why this should have been allowed to happen. It's absolutely disgraceful that he's receiving such a fabulous sum every week. Why

have I got to sell my house and be homeless? My wife and I have sweated on our detached cottage for 20 years building it up from a pile of rubble into a showpiece. We now have to consider selling our home because of this man."

"The only salvation for the investors now is for the Government to admit its responsibility and pay out. All investors should be recognized here and now to put an end to this debacle."

Mr Michael Jordan, senior partner of Cork Gully, one of the liquidators, said: "It is difficult to argue with the emotions of the investors. Whilst £1,000 a week out of Mr Clowes's personal bank account is something I personally find unpleasant, commercially it is cost effective. I therefore reluctantly agreed to it, for the time being, bearing in mind the legal advice I received."

Mr Jordan explained that the alter-

native was to try to find Mr Clowes's personal assets and obtain injunctions against them. Even then the defendant is entitled to maintain his standard of living and have his reasonable living expenses released to him out of funds that have been frozen.

Mr Clowes handed over his assets to the liquidators on June 12. In the meantime he has co-operated in locating assets to which Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers or BCI have a claim, and over which the liquidators have taken control without delay, said Mr Jordan.

The expenses cover Mr Clowes's £350,000 home at Paddock Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire, and those of his relatives, including his wife, Pamela and two young children; his life insurance premiums and personal expenditure. The £1,000 a week is understood to come from a bank account containing £50,000, which was held by Mr Clowes.

Racal scores an easy win in vote over Vodafone float

By John Bell, City Editor

Racal coasted home to victory at the shareholders' meeting called to approve the £2 billion flotation of Vodafone.

The resolution approving the sale of 20 per cent of RTG, which includes the cellular telephone operation, won 266,008,782 votes in favour, with 96,542,692 votes against.

At the Racal annual meeting later, the resolution proposed by Millicom, the US group, calling for a full demerger, was lost on a show of hands. Sir Ernest Harrison, the Racal chairman, said that proxies against it totalled 258 million with 81 million proxy votes cast in support.

Mr Shelby Bryan, the Millicom chairman, accepting defeat, repeated his criticism of the sell-off plan. But, he said: "We will continue to be supportive of the management, particularly for Sir Ernest who has done a splendid job in managing this business."

Thanking those shareholders whom he said had been "brave enough in spite of the pressure brought to bear" to vote against the board's proposal, he said he hoped that before Racal allowed its shareholding in RTG to fall below 75 per cent it would seek shareholders' approval.

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Vodafone potential 22

under those circumstances, he said.

Replying to a shareholder who asked what the company would do with the £400 million or so it is expected to raise in the flotation, Sir Ernest said Racal wished to develop two other businesses, data communications and security.

The company wanted to improve its market share in Europe which would mean taking local partners. "That means investing in France and Germany and perhaps other countries and we need to move now," said Sir Ernest. Racal also needed to make strategic investments in US companies for the data communications group.

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Film moguls emerge to lead fight for Elstree's salvation

By Martin Waller

A group of six of the best-known film directors and producers in the world will today put themselves forward as the saviours of the Elstree film studios in Hertfordshire.

The news follows days of negotiation between the six, Samuelson Group — the film equipment company which wants to operate the studios — and Shield Group and Holly Corporation, the developers trying to buy the site.

All parties were unavailable for comment last night as finishing touches were being put to the rescue plan. But the consortium is thought to be: ● Sir Richard Attenborough, maker of *Gandhi* and *Cry Freedom*. ● Mr Steven Spielberg, the

American director of such modern classics as *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. ● Mr Jim Henson, the man behind *The Muppets* animated series and *The Dark Crystal*.

● Mr George Lucas, a long-time friend and associate of Mr Spielberg and the maker of the *Star Wars* cycle. ● Mr Robert Watts, an associate of Mr Lucas, who is working with him at the moment on the latest Indiana Jones adventure.

● Mr David Putnam, the British producer and former head of Columbia Pictures, who now runs his own company.

The deal is likely to involve some form of leasing arrangement whereby Shield and Holly own the site, Samuelson runs the studio and the consortium agrees to fund the lease.

The six now have two months in which to hammer out what proportion of the equity in the venture each is prepared to take.

At that point, the local council will consider Shield's outline planning application for the site, which would allow the company to develop about two-thirds of it as offices, homes and possibly shops.

The whole deal, however, hangs on whether Shield and Holly succeed in buying the site from its current owners. They are an unnamed property consortium fronted by the

Tranwood Earl, the mini-merchant bank, which has admitted receiving a number of approaches for the site — including the one from Shield and Holly — but has denied any agreement to buy.

Shield, however, says it is still talking with Tranwood Earl's lawyers, and Mr Norman Mazure, its chairman, has forecast a binding agreement in principle within days. He said he had previously been offered the Elstree studios for £31 million but without the benefit of outline planning permission, which he required before the deal could go ahead.

Shield has close links with Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation and has said it will seek financial assistance from that quarter if necessary. Meanwhile, the local council had said it is unwilling to give its blessing to any development at Elstree, the home of a large chunk of the British film industry.

COMMENT David Brewerton

The fat old grouse get away with it again

The Stock Exchange has been out shooting ever since the glorious 12th, but has been aiming at clay pigeons, not the fat old grouse.

Insider dealing is serious, at any level, but there seems to be more than a touch of hypocrisy about the enthusiasm with which the exchange is looking into dealings in Pleasurama and Grand Metropolitan. In the case of Pleasurama, the misdeeds appear to have been at the hands of a relatively inexperienced band of individuals, who passed information which resulted in modest trades. It is always possible, of course, that one lead will expose a whole raft of insider activity, and the Stock Exchange would be failing in its duty if it did not explore every avenue of inquiry that opens up.

In the case of Grand Metropolitan, the facts seem so simple they hardly need investigating. The two market-makers had information. The two market-makers then dealt. County NatWest WoodMac is anxiously examining its internal procedures, and wondering if the management is projecting the right ethical culture to its young dealers. What more is there to look at?

There is hardly a rights issue, or a takeover bid, or any other price-sensitive corporate action which is not

preceded by a flurry in the share price of the company concerned. In the case of Pleasurama, the market was briefed well ahead of the announcement of the bid from Mecca, the knowledge reflected in a sharp rise in the Pleasurama share price. In the case of Grand Metropolitan, has anyone asked why it happened to be that County NatWest WoodMac was short of stock? Was it cleaned out by another market-maker who had information even ahead of the two who were sacked?

The Stock Exchange rarely comes up with evidence of insider trading on the grand scale. The broker to an issue may telephone his favourite fund manager to warn him of an approaching rights, recommending him not to be "overweight" in the shares. In return, the fund manager will accept the underwriting or reward with commission. Insider trading, or maintenance of an "orderly market"?

All this is likely to be done at the highest level, and it is not unusual according to analysts for a fund manager to be told by his boss "sell a few so and so" without explanation. The practice is long established and part of the City fabric: it works, so long as nobody becomes personally greedy or especially careless. But that does not make it right.

Rea Brothers resumes payout

By Carol Ferguson

Rea Brothers, the City's smallest bank, has resumed dividend payments after its interim results showed signs of recovery.

Last year, a final dividend of 1.1p net was declared, but payment was blocked by Finsbury Asset Management, the investment trust adviser which has a 35.9 per cent stake in Rea.

Rea has now declared an interim payment of 0.25p a share, which the company has confirmed will be paid. This compares with last year's interim payment of 0.65p net.

Sir John Hill, Rea's chairman, said he was pleased with the first half results after the disappointing figures in the second half of 1987, when the company made just £235,000. The reported pre-tax profit for the six months to end-June was £400,000, less than half the £1.1 million reported in the first half of 1987.

Mr Tony Hall, Rea's chief executive, said yesterday that although the bank was strong in offshore banking, its biggest problem in the last 12 months had been in London. "We have historically been underlent in London,"

"London is getting stronger. We have reduced our staff, are improving our systems by computerization, and increasing our profitability by new lending."



Reflecting on a revival: Tony Hall, left, and Sir John Hill (Photograph: James Morgan)

Passengers record for BAA

By Rodney Hobson

Heavily publicised disruption of charter flights failed to stop the seven airports owned by BAA from handling more than 7 million passengers in July for the first time.

Although there was a drop of 2 per cent in short-haul charter flights from Gatwick, figures released yesterday showed that the airport still handled a total of 2.42 million passengers, 2.7 per cent more than in July 1987.

Heathrow did better with 3.7 million passengers, an increase of 5.2 per cent, but Stansted was the star performer with a 72.7 per cent improvement to 155,500 passengers, thanks to a 90 per cent increase in charter traffic.

In Scotland Glasgow saw an 8.4 per cent rise in passengers to 438,900 and Edinburgh a 3.4 per cent rise to 205,700 passengers. Prestwick and Aberdeen were little changed.

Stansted also saw the biggest percentage increase in cargo with a rise of 44.6 per cent just pipping Glasgow, 43.1 per cent better. Gatwick fell 11 per cent.

Overall BAA registered a 5.3 per cent increase in passenger numbers to 7.12 million and a 5.2 per cent increase in cargo to 74,310 metric tons.

Paper tiger haunts Hanson

The evident displeasure which the stock market feels towards Hanson does not seem to be reciprocated. Despite having one of the most miserable ratings in the FT-SE 100, Hanson is maintaining the pace of deals which, in normal markets, could be expected to please its followers.

The latest, lucky 13 so far this year, is the sale of most of the Walter Kidde Worldwide Fire Protection operations to the Pilgrim House Group. Pilgrim, which obtains bulk and the promise of growth from the deal, watched its shares slip 5p on the announcement. Hanson wobbled a bit, and finally settled half a penny down on the day.

The sale brings to nearly \$650 million the proceeds of sales of United States assets since the beginning of the financial year last October. Hanson has also pulled in more than £500 million from the sale of assets in the UK and a few more millions from Canadian sales. Put another way (by none other than Sir Gordon White, chairman of Hanson Industries) the deal brings to \$362 million the total Hanson has culled

from the sale of Kidde businesses. Kidde was acquired for \$1.7 billion last year, and the parts which have been sold are peripheral to the main business, which is being integrated into the US operation of Hanson Industries.

There is rarely anything but welcome news from Hanson, yet the shares drag the floor on a prospective price/earnings ratio in single figures. The problem is not a credibility gap nor immediate worries about future management when Lord Hanson and Sir Gordon decide to hang up their boots, but the constant fear that at any moment Hanson will find another irresistible acquisition and fund its purchase with paper.

The fear is understandable, but such a move will be kept at bay while the shares are so lowly rated. Hanson is, however, rebuilding its cash hoard with some speed, and is ready to look at more radical financing proposals such as floating off SCM Chemicals. The message is that Hanson is no more interested in issuing shares at a single-figure multiple than the market is in receiving them.

Department stores 'are crucial for developers'

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Department stores are now more attractive to property developers than shops, according to a new survey that examines major shopping schemes.

New developments, whether out of town or in the high street, need one or two department stores as "anchor tenants" so that their seal of approval makes them worthy and respectable, says Verdict, the market research group, in a survey of department stores and other shops.

The report notes that other retailers will often wait for the inclusion of a department store before committing themselves to a project. Developers, knowing that it is not

cost-effective to build such a new store, entice potential anchor tenants with financial help.

Verdict says trading will be difficult for department stores over the next five years and turnover will grow by 31 per cent to £5.9 billion — compared with a projected growth rate in all retail sales of 55 per cent. Since 1980 the stores' share of all retail sales has fallen from 5.5 per cent to 4.4 per cent in 1987. One of the main reasons for this is that the 1980s has been the decade of the specialist retailer, according to the report.

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DTI plans clampdown on company accounts

By Our City Staff

The Department of Trade and Industry has promised to outlaw a form of off-balance sheet financing in the next company Bill, which is expected before Christmas.

After months of lobbying from the accountancy profession, off-balance sheet finance will be attacked on two fronts. The test of whether a subsidiary is a true subsidiary and therefore should be consolidated is to be tightened, and will be based on voting control, not just control of the equity.

The Bill will also implement the EC Seventh Directive by introducing the concept of "dominant influence" in determining whether a com-

pany is a subsidiary or not. Where a company exercises a dominant influence over one in which it has a shareholding, it should be consolidated.

Mr Francis Maude, Corporate Affairs Minister, underlined the principle that company accounts should show a "true and fair view." He said: "While both the Seventh Directive and Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 require that the accounts show a true and fair view of the parent company and its subsidiaries as defined, it may be necessary, to meet this requirement, to treat a body which is not legally a subsidiary as though it were one."

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Berisford to buy back Billingsgate

By Cliff Feltham

S&W Berisford, the commodities and financial group, has signalled its intention to mop up the outstanding preference shares in Billingsgate City Securities, the single asset property vehicle launched on the London stock market in June as part of an experiment.

Berisford's plans to buy in the shares are likely to put the lid on other attempts to float single properties on the London market.

Berisford said yesterday that, through its wholly owned

subsidiary, Erlanger Commercial Corporation, it had made an approach to Billingsgate which could lead to a bid of 130p a share for the quoted cumulative preferred shares.

In the stock market, the shares rose 5p to 129p. Erlanger owns 22.1 per cent of the preference shares in Billingsgate, while Berisford controls all the ordinary shares.

Billingsgate's only asset is the 185,000 sq ft office building on Lower Thames Street in the City of London, which was recently revalued at £110 mil-

lion. It is let to Midland Montagu, the merchant bank, at an annual rent of £5 million.

The shares had been traded in Luxembourg for two years but were listed in London this year as part of an experiment to allow dealings in shares backed by a single property asset.

However, the issue failed to grab the imagination of London investors and Berisford has been steadily picking up shares in an effort to support interest.

As a result, it was rapidly

approaching the stage where it would have ended up with more than 29.9 per cent of the stock, thereby triggering a full-scale bid.

One of the company's advisers said that at this stage it was not known whether Berisford intended — assuming it went ahead with a bid — to return the office building to its own property portfolio or endeavour to find buyers.

The failure of the flotation to attract sufficient investment interest is bound to cast doubts over the future of property income certificates.

Moorgate is no place to cut down

Bryce Cottrell, chairman and former senior partner of Phillips & Drew, the broker, has retired. Cottrell, aged 57, stepped down from his executive role at the firm's Moorgate offices on Friday but will continue as an advisory chairman until the end of the year. P&D merges with UBS Securities. His colleagues plan a farewell party next month and Bryce, speaking from his home at Tonbridge, Kent, says he has been planning his departure for two years. "I need two new hips but have to lose weight before I can have the operations — and I wasn't being very successful at getting the weight off while I was in the City," he says. A softly-spoken and hugely popular man, Bryce joined P&D 33 years ago, straight from university, and became senior partner in 1983. He is also something of a romantic. He fell in love with his wife of 33 years, Jeanne, when he was a schoolboy at Charterhouse — she was a nurse in the school sanatorium. "I was ill and she looked after me," Bryce fondly recalls. "It was love at first sight on my part but I don't think it was reciprocated by her for a while." Now with four children and two grandchildren, two of their offspring have followed father's footsteps into the Square Mile. His son Christopher is a director of Robert Fleming International Investment Management and his daughter Lucy Phillips is an analyst at BZW.

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Smith reels them in

Poor old Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. It seems that as fast as it signs up new recruits, others leave. Three of its most promising young equity salesmen — John Howes, Philip Birch (son of the Ward White chairman of the same name) and Robert Green — handed in their notice yesterday to join rival firm Smith New Court. The trio are expected to start

there at various dates over the next two to three months. It can hardly be a coincidence that Paul Roy, managing director, until recently, of Scrimgeour, alongside John Macfarlane, has also just joined Smith. Roy, who is now joint managing director of Smith's agency broking arm with Mike Sperring, started his new job on Monday.

Costapax

A glimpse into the world of the Edwardian yuppie is afforded by the sale to Quarto Group of Lefax, the company that makes the original personal organizer. It was founded in Philadelphia in 1910 and like Filofax, its better-known but more downmarket

competitor — Lefax supplies Gucci — it sells a range of specialized inserts. A best-seller of the early days was "A Soldier's English and French Conversation Book," while the well-prepared vicar could keep track of his flock with "The Pastor's Personal Record." The difference between the two companies is that most Filofax customers would blench at paying £195 for a single Lefax accessory.

The line of patter of the shoeshine boys in Bourbon Street, New Orleans, is smoother, and probably sharper, than any speech likely to be heard at the Republican convention this week. A colleague returned from the Big Easy \$20 lighter after losing a bet with one. "I bet \$20 I can tell you where you got those shoes," he said. "Which street, which city?" "Surely not," said the glib Brit. "You've got those shoes on your feet, in Bourbon Street, in New Orleans," he retorted.



"They're buying everything but shares."

Breakdown breakdown

A measure of what British Aerospace faces in order to transform the fortunes of Rover Group, is provided by the Swiss equivalent of the AA — the Swiss Touring Club — in its latest breakdown rating list. The list is apparently compiled on the basis of the number of cars which break down per each 1,000 of a given make. And of the 25 manufacturers listed, Rover — which, as far as the Swiss are concerned, means almost exclusively Range and Land Rovers — comes out worst, with 128 per 1,000. This is three more than the next worst, Lancia, which in turn has just one more than Citroen. Top of the list is Mercedes Benz (52), followed by Subaru, Daihatsu, Suzuki and Toyota (each with 64). Opel and Volvo are equal with 65, then come Audi (67) and VW (68). Surprisingly, Porsche has 73, Saab 81 and that other yuppie favourite, the BMW, 83. Other "scores" include Ford 86, Renault 89, Fiat 97, Alfa Romeo 98 and Peugeot 104.

● Ralph Hely-Hutchinson, youngest son of the Earl of Donaghmore and nephew of Mark Hely-Hutchinson, chief executive of the Bank of Ireland, is leaving Phillips & Drew to join Hoare Govett where he will specialize in selling UK equities to Irish clients. Further boosting the family's City presence, Mark's 21-year-old son, Jamie, has just been taken on as a graduate trainee by Baring Brothers.

Carol Leonard

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5	Chamberlain & Hill	Industrial A-D	
6	Transit (as)	Industrial E-K	
7	Glaxo (as)	Industrial E-K	
8	Rend (as)	Newspaper/Pub	
9	Smiths (as)	Industrial S-Z	
10	Bac Arrow (as)	Industrial A-D	
11	Bedford	Property	
12	BFP Ind (as)	Building/Roads	
13	Ayrshire Metal	Industrial A-D	
14	Lamont	Textiles	
15	Balys	Food	
16	Moss Bros	Draperies/Stores	
17	Costa Macdonald	Building/Roads	
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25	Johnston	Industrial E-K	
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27	De La Rue	Industrial A-D	
28	Yen Hides	Industrial S-Z	
29	Renold	Industrial E-K	
30	Wor & Country	Property	
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32	IMI (as)	Industrial E-K	
33	Barnes Transport	Industrial A-D	
34	Midland	Electrical	
35	Lloyds (as)	Bank/Discount	
36	Premier	Oil/Gas	
37	Waterford Glass	Industrial S-Z	
38	Conder Gp	Building/Roads	
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MEDIA & MARKETING

Maxwell's big step forward

OPINION
Dennis Hackett

The *Daily Mirror* has long been exhorting "Forward with Britain" on its front page, but its owner, Robert Maxwell, is a man with

boundless horizons so it is no surprise to see "Forward with Europe" on the masthead of his projected paper, *The European*.

This week he has begun a recruitment campaign to find journalists who will go forward with him. A part of a dummy front page, handsome it is, adorns the advertisement urging them to lay their wares, wiles, and, if possible, languages, before him.

The paper, a 40-page broadsheet in four sections with colour throughout, is to launch in spring, printed in London and Paris. Maxwell, who is targeting the whole of Europe, intends to extend printing to countries where sales exceed 30,000 copies.

A circulation of one million has been quoted in some sources for this publishing sensation which, it is anticipated, will follow complete EEC harmonization in 1992. But Mike Molloy, editor-in-chief of *Maxwell's* newspapers, who will edit the new paper, explained that the figure relates to the print at the launch and makes allowance for that and the fact that return sales are higher in Europe than in Britain.

He started cool on the idea, he said, but as twin teams of British and French journalists (about 20 in all) worked on two versions, his enthusiasm has grown. The British version triumphed with, apparently, complete agreement by the French.

The paper is meant to be up-market, covering news, finance, lifestyle, and sport, with a large core of production staff and correspondents. There are several unknown factors, two of them being the price and the method of distribution in Europe. Molloy explained that they were now in the process of research, of sorting the reality

from the dream. In newspapers, of course, that is often the way.

At the *International Herald Tribune*, which prints in six centres, Simon Osborn, of the advertising sales staff, said they found it all "very amusing after the *London Daily News* and all that". After more than 100 years in Europe, the *HTB* sells 132,616. Advertisers in Europe were a small band.

He didn't see them embracing *The European*. Competition from the *Financial Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal* and so on was stiff. He thought it a matter of time before *The European* went the way of the *LDN*.

At Saatchi & Saatchi, media director Alec Kenny read the rums differently. Increasingly, geographic boundaries mattered less in defining audiences. Groups were easier to identify. Businessmen, for instance, had the same characteristics. The stiff competition he saw as pioneering work in an expanding market which had brought about greater acceptability. Minds were being focused by 1992 and he thought the project entirely acceptable.

Which leaves us with those journalists. It would be surprising were they not to look backward at the *LDN*. This, in my view, Maxwell deemed to be a precipitate decision to launch as a morning as well as an evening, and by his bravura reaction to the counter-strategy of Lord Rothermere with the *Evening Standard* and *Evening News*.

After money, proprietors need conviction. Maxwell seems to have an inexhaustible supply of the first; the second has to be proved. He has an unparalleled ability to bounce back, as one can ascertain even from his contested biographies. Yet it is doubtful that he would want to fall flat on his face before a European audience. Forward this time may be the only way.

Dennis Hackett is a newspaper consultant and a former editor of *Today*

Visions of the future

The era of the video magazine is on its way.

Alasdair Riley looks at developments

Followers of the perpetual struggle between print and television are about to witness the contest enter a new phase. Next month sees the birth of a new medium in Japan, combining elements of print publishing and electronic communications, when the first video magazine goes on sale. It is not a publication about video but a magazine on video.

And the timing could not be more opportune: next week sees the launch of the Sony Video Walkman in Japan and it will be on sale in the United States in six months, and available in Britain some time next year.

Kodansha, one of Japan's leading book and magazine publishers, is producing an 8mm version of its youth-oriented *Hot Dog Plus* magazine in September. Containing items on fashion and lifestyle and restaurant guides and how-to tips, it will run for 30-40 minutes, sell for about £3 and appear monthly.

A magazine about travel from the Japan Travel Bureau and a magazine for young businessmen, covering everything from finance to fashion, are also possibilities being considered by the Japanese publishing house Diamond Publishing.

"Publishing and video are fiercely competitive here, and companies are keeping plans for video magazines under wraps," says a Sony spokesman in Japan. "But these three titles all look likely."

Paul Campbell, spokesman for Sony (UK), says: "We have already had a number of approaches from magazine publishers and media

companies which are interested in producing video magazines in Britain.

"It's early days so far, but all the signs are that there will be video magazines in this country. And plans are more advanced in America, where several specialist titles are in the pipeline, including *Video-Fashion Monthly*, *Golf Digest*, and *Tennis Magazine*. *Golf Digest* would include highlights of the previous month's tournaments in a way that is much more dramatic and exciting than you could achieve in conventional magazines."

John Hayward, editor of *Video Business*, welcomes publishing interest in video magazines but suggests it will be several years at least before they are on the market.

"There was an attempt to produce a video magazine on VCR for the home market about half a dozen years ago, but it went bust," he says.

"But, with the advent of the Video Walkman, we've got to think again. Even so, I think it is optimistic to imagine that they will be available in the near future. Sony

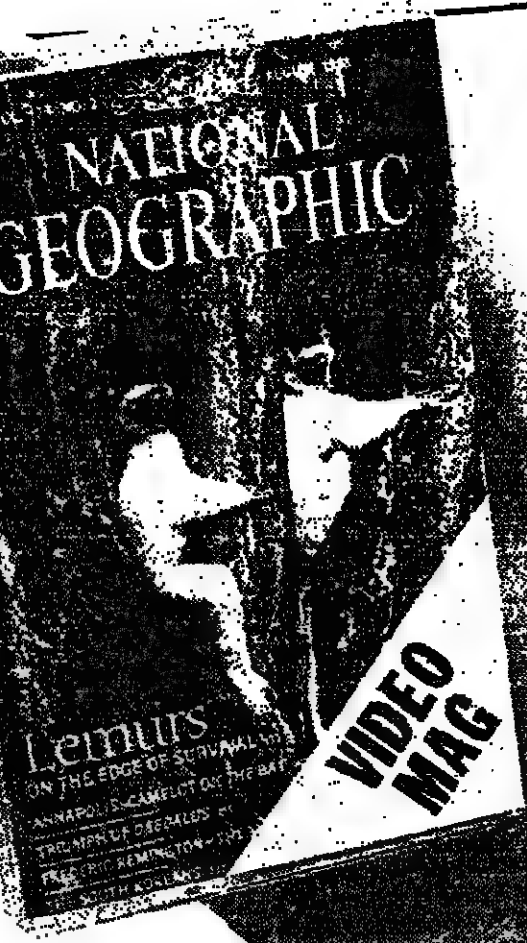
will have to be able to demonstrate that a significant and affluent section of the population owns the hardware before potential publishers—and potential advertisers—are willing to sink money into the new medium."

Producing a magazine from scratch would be a prohibitively expensive video game, according to Bernard Falk, chief executive of Falkman Communications, which makes corporate video magazines for internal use among 40 companies, ranging from ICI and Woolworth to ICL and Marks & Spencer.

"The software alone is going to cost £60,000-£70,000, and then there is packaging, distribution, marketing, advertising and so on. You would need to sell 30,000 a month, at least £10 each to break even. And are there that many people willing to pay that much money?"

"Video cassette rental is one thing, but video cassette sales are a quite different matter. For every successful sale of a video, such as Jane Fonda's aerobics, there are several unsuccessful videos."

"One way to make the operation



cheaper would be to market 'watch and wipe' cassettes. You watch the magazine, then wipe it later to record something else. Or one could sell advertising space. But if an advertiser is going to pay top dollar to reach only 15,000 or so people, why bother?"

However, in Tokyo a network of hire shops which will hire out both Video Walkmans and video magazines can already be found at railway stations and other key locations. Commuters are expected to rent the mini-machine and a magazine for the homeward journey and return them the following morning.

Glossy tape: how an existing magazine might look on video

● The Sony Video Walkman measures 5.2in x 2.7in x 8.4in and has a tilt-up 3in colour liquid crystal screen. Up to three hours of play will be available from a single cassette. When it becomes available in this country it should cost around £1,000.

Editors flex their muscles

After years of suppression, Korean newspapers are enjoying a new freedom

In the back streets of an industrial suburb of Seoul, the pen has begun to challenge the supremacy of the sword. Beneath an emblem of a radiant pen-nib, a team of "dissident" editors and reporters is producing the *Hankyoreh Shinmun* (One Nation) newspaper, the first new independent daily to be published in South Korea for 20 years.

For the past month, they have been producing critical articles and satirical cartoons that would have condemned them to obscurity or worse

under past military-led regimes. In 1975, the then president, Park Chung Hee, ordered 167 journalists to be dismissed and blacklisted for criticizing his increasingly dictatorial rule.

The purges of the once-lively media continued under his successor, Choi Kyu Hah. More than 700 print, broad-

cast and photo-journalists suffered the same fate and many were imprisoned. Some 600 publishing houses and 172 periodicals were forced to close for "creating social confusion".

The tide turned late last year with a revision of the Basic Press Law, which had served as a tool for govern-

ment censorship, and the election of Roh Tae Woo as President on a platform of democratic reforms.

The first to hit the streets was *Hankyoreh*, which exercised its new freedom by calling for the release of all political prisoners. Song Kun Ho, the publisher, once a prisoner himself, says: "Our

aim is to produce a genuinely democratic newspaper, independent of political power and big business."

Its owners are 27,000 workers, housewives, businessmen and journalists who responded to a share drive to raise a working capital of £4 million. Imm Chai Kyung, the editor-in-chief, says the gov-

ernment has not challenged his editorial control, but he is mystified by a reluctance among big advertisers to buy space in *Hankyoreh*, although that may be due partly to blood ties between some of its competitors and business conglomerates.

"A lot has changed, but freedom of the press still has a long way to go here," Imm says.

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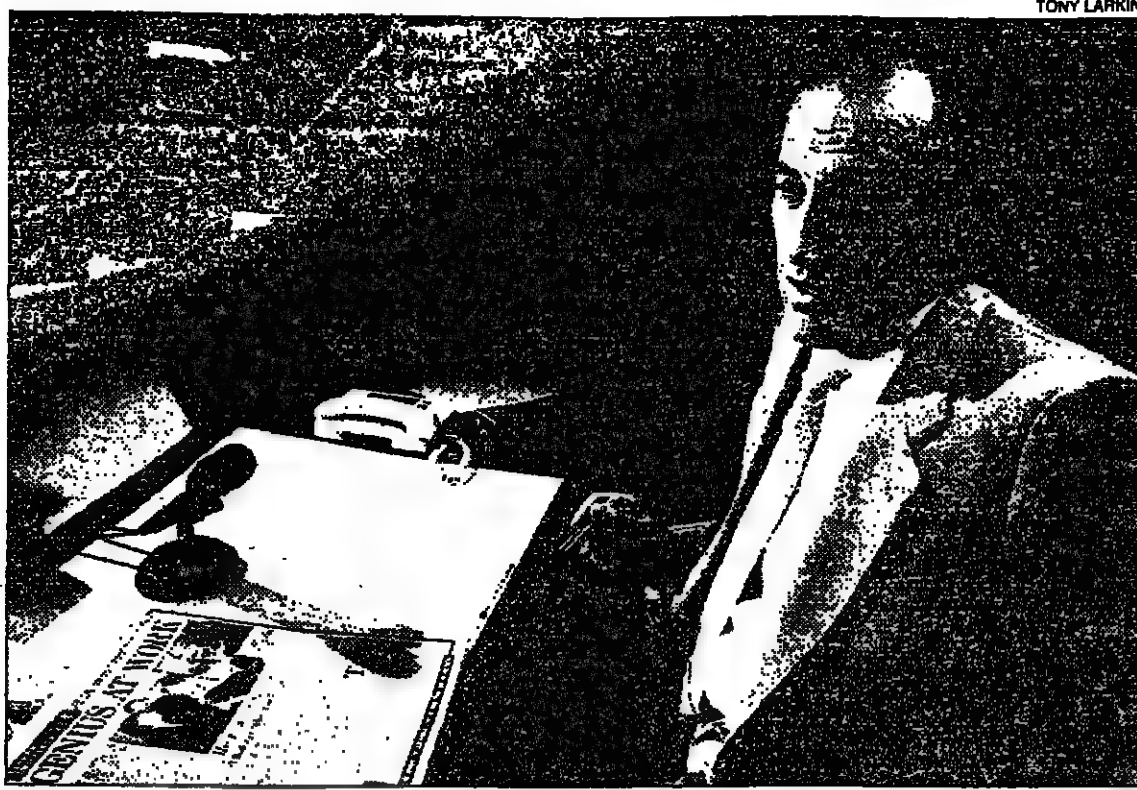
ITN and the BBC
will supply 24-hour
news nationwide
from next month.
David Housham
clocks on for ITN's
early, early show

At 4 o'clock this morning, an estimated 30,000 people were in front of their television sets for the ITN news. Not much of an audience, but welcome enough for the beary-eyed handful of men and women who work throughout the night to produce up to four, short bulletins on the hour.

For the past six months, ITN has been a fully-fledged 24-hour news broadcaster, supplying seven ITV regions. The broadcasts culminate in a 60-minute international and domestic news round-up at 5am. From next month these bulletins will be available nationwide.

The output is presented on alternate weeks by two excellent, businesslike presenters: David Cass, a former sports reporter, and Zeinab Badawi, Sudanese and a former reporter with BBC's *Brass Tacks*.

Into The Night, as ITN has called this service, is not a stereotypical television news programme produced amid glamorous surroundings and the clashing of egos. The prevailing atmosphere on Into The Night is the subdued air familiar to any shift worker: the primary topics of conversation are the canteen food and the difficulty



News at dawn: anchorman David Cass, a former sports reporter, prepares to review the morning papers

of daytime sleeping. If there is a pause in the conversation, it is normally filled by a yawn.

This initiative by ITN exemplifies the kind of achievement that television companies, cowed by Thatcherite dogma, are currently keen to trumpet. It is lean (there are 17 people in the production team, including journalists, technicians and presenters - a fraction of the daytime workforce); it is efficient ("the ratio of transmissions to staff numbers makes it ITN's most productive department," stresses

the PR person); and it is run on a shoestring.

Most highly emphasized is the absence both of restrictive agreements and of lucratively escalating overtime. The jobs have been newly negotiated and run in seven day on/seven day off shifts. Technicians are also trained to take over other jobs when necessary. On one night last week, the vision mixer was taken ill after the first bulletin, so the lighting director took over.

Simon Holdich, the programme editor, said: "I thought it would be

damned hard work doing a lot of programmes with what is clearly a very small staff. And I was right." He is a former scriptwriter for *News At Ten* and still writes the night-time bulletins. With only three journalists on hand, he has no choice.

"It's difficult for us to get pictures," he complained, "but I can't remember a night when we haven't had a news story worth reporting after *News At Ten* has gone off the air. Quite often we've broken big stories like Piper Alpha,

the recent prison riots, an Ulster bombing, the Democratic convention results."

Into The Night has a reporter and crew on stand-by that can be activated if there is a very big story breaking in the London area. Otherwise it relies heavily on pictures on following up stories from *News At Ten* and CNN, much used because the transatlantic time difference allows the service first bite at many American stories.

The *Sam Morning News* programme consists substantially of material produced the previous night by ITN for the cable network Superchannel; ITN claim their programme is being recorded by viewers to be watched later in preference to TV-am.

The bulletins broadcast before 2am have attracted up to 1.8 million viewers (the average would seem to be half that), while between 125,000 and 300,000 early risers have tuned in to the *Morning News*. The success of Into The Night is important both to ITN's future and to its corporate ego, which has been battered first by the ailing Superchannel's demand that ITN halve the cost of the news service it supplies to the cable company, and then by BSB turning down, as exorbitantly expensive, the service ITN planned to supply to the satellite company. The imminent networking of Into The Night, as the ITV companies launch their long overdue nationally co-ordinated night-time services, gives ITN the satisfaction of pre-empting the BBC's proposed 24-hour TV news service. It is still possible that ITN may be floated by the ITV companies. In that light, and the intense competition in the field of TV news, there is no doubt of the pressing need for ITN to be seen to be making far better and constant use of its considerable resources.

Mandarin moves on

Quentin Thomas, the affable Home Office civil servant who has been in charge of his department's broadcasting unit for four years, is moving to pastures new - but not before he has seen the long-awaited White Paper on broadcasting safely on its way to the printers.

His experience and expertise in dealing with the conflicting interests in the world of television and radio, not to mention occasional differences between the Home Office and the Department of Trade and Industry, should hold him in good stead for his next post at the London office of the Northern Ireland Office.

The 44-year-old father of three, who joined the Home Office in 1966 straight from Cambridge and is now an under-secretary, is expected by colleagues to make the move in November. His place will be filled by Chris Scoble, who is an experienced hand in broadcasting issues. Scoble has just completed a year long travelling scholarship looking at overseas broadcasting systems in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and some EEC countries.

Previously he worked in the broadcasting department at the Home Office, where he was responsible for international and satellite policy.

Time for a break

The British antipathy to sponsored television has had its day, according to Jon Marchant, the first controller of sponsorship to be appointed by a major ITV company. Currently at Superchannel, Marchant joins Granada TV in October, convinced that the IBA-regulated British Satellite Broadcasting will never stand for being forced to compete at a disadvantage with Rupert Murdoch's Sky Television when both are launched next year. Like Superchannel, Sky is free of the IBA rules which restrict sponsorship on ITV (and, theoretically, BSB) largely to sports and arts programming. "The regulations will change dramatically within a year," he says, predicting that the IBA will relax its rules for BSB and ITV as it already has for radio.

cast have been approached, and the job has been advertised, without success. Nevertheless, publisher Alan Cross is bullish about the new title's chances and denies reports that EMAP may postpone the £400,000 launch unless it can recruit more journalists with television industry expertise.

Briefing...

Further evidence of glasnost in the Eastern bloc: a PR conference, believed to be the first behind the Iron Curtain, is to be sponsored by Pepsi-Cola and organized by enterprising Viennese agency Aces Public Relations. It will straddle the ideological divide with seminars in Vienna and Budapest from November 6 to 10... Media monopolies excite less alarm in Latin America: according to Nielsen Marketing Trends, no less than 70 per cent of Mexican advertising expenditure goes to just one group, Televisa SA... Video industry bottlenecks may be great at inventing new computerized equipment but they are lousy at inventing names. The Virgin-owned post-production house Rushes has just taken delivery of a \$200,000 (£117,000) machine which speeds up the transfer of computer-generated video animation to videotape or digital disc by up to 100 times. It's called a Fixelator...

Nick Higham

On and off

Television Week, the new industry title due from EMAP MacLaren on October 6, is having problems with its feature editors. There have been two already: Andrew Dickson, once media correspondent of the Observer, lasted 10 days before leaving "for personal reasons". His successor, Matthew Bolton, deputy editor of *Television*, cried off when his existing employers promoted him to editor. Since then several staff at rival Broad-

Steven Dunne

Sunday drive

Shopping hours reformers have called in specialists for an autumn offensive

This autumn, a campaign, financed by the Shopping Hours Reform Council, will be launched to gain public support for new moves to abolish or relax Sunday trading restrictions when the issue returns to the top of the political agenda. The SHRC is raising money from a broad range of companies in favour of change.

Roger Boaden, campaign director of the SHRC, confirmed that a contract had been awarded to the Lowe Bell Communications Group and

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Wif Weeks, at GJW, is confident that a well-organized campaign will succeed. "In 1986 these organizations seeking reform of Sunday trading were complacent. As the new legislation was government policy they

Tory backbenchers nervous of any controversial legislation, particularly as opponents of the Bill mobilized a strong counter-offensive. Boaden admits that the "effectiveness of the opposition was underestimated".

The SHRC believes that, given the anomalies that persist, a public debate stimulated by the new campaign will hasten reform. Boaden says that, according to a survey by the National Consumer Council, 52 per cent of the public already supports some form of deregulation.

The Keep Sunday Special Campaign, an alliance of Conservatives, the Church and trade unions, is preparing for another battle. No advertising or PR agency will be retained. The campaign will again rely on media deployment of prominent spokesmen.

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Disqualification of Persian Heights adds a fresh dimension to one of racing's most colourful events

Shady Heights profits as Huffer's colt wavers

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

The controversial 16-year history of York's International Stakes continued yesterday when Persian Heights was disqualified after beating Shady Heights and Indian Skimmer.

After Steve Cauthen, Indian Skimmer's jockey, had objected to Pat Eddery for "taking my ground inside the last furlong" and a half hour stewards' inquiry, Persian Heights was demoted to third, Indian Skimmer placed second and the race awarded to Willie Carson on Shady Heights.

No one could have argued with the decision. The head-on patrol film showed Persian Heights had swerved slightly to the left just inside the last furlong, causing Indian Skimmer to become the meat in the sandwich between him and Fajar Tango.

However, this inquiry will add further fuel to the fire of the critics who wish to see Rule 153 amended. If Indian Skimmer had managed to snatch second place, Persian Heights might well have been allowed to keep the race.

Cauthen commented: "I only objected on behalf of the

connections. I would have finished second, but would never have won."

Both Eddery and Geoff Huffer, Persian Heights' jockey and trainer, took the reverse philosophically. "The best horse won," Eddery said. "It's over," Huffer added, "we won't appeal. Persian Heights will now go for the Phoenix Champion Stakes."

That race is also a likely target for Shady Heights. "Willie said we might have won outright if he'd managed to get a run a furlong and a half earlier," Robert Armstrong said. "Shady Heights needs softer going than this. After the Phoenix I want to

find if he stays a mile and a half in the Puma Europa Preis in Cologne."

Henry Cecil said: "I knew Indian Skimmer was back to her best, but she just can't let herself go and quicken on this fast going."

Dependent on the ground she'll next go for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot or the Phoenix Champion, then the Dubai Champion Stakes.

The disappointment of the race was the running of the 2-1 favourite Kefauk, who weakened in the last furlong to finish fifth. Due to the fast, unwatery ground, Persian Heights beat Kefauk's 1972 record by 0.75sec, and later

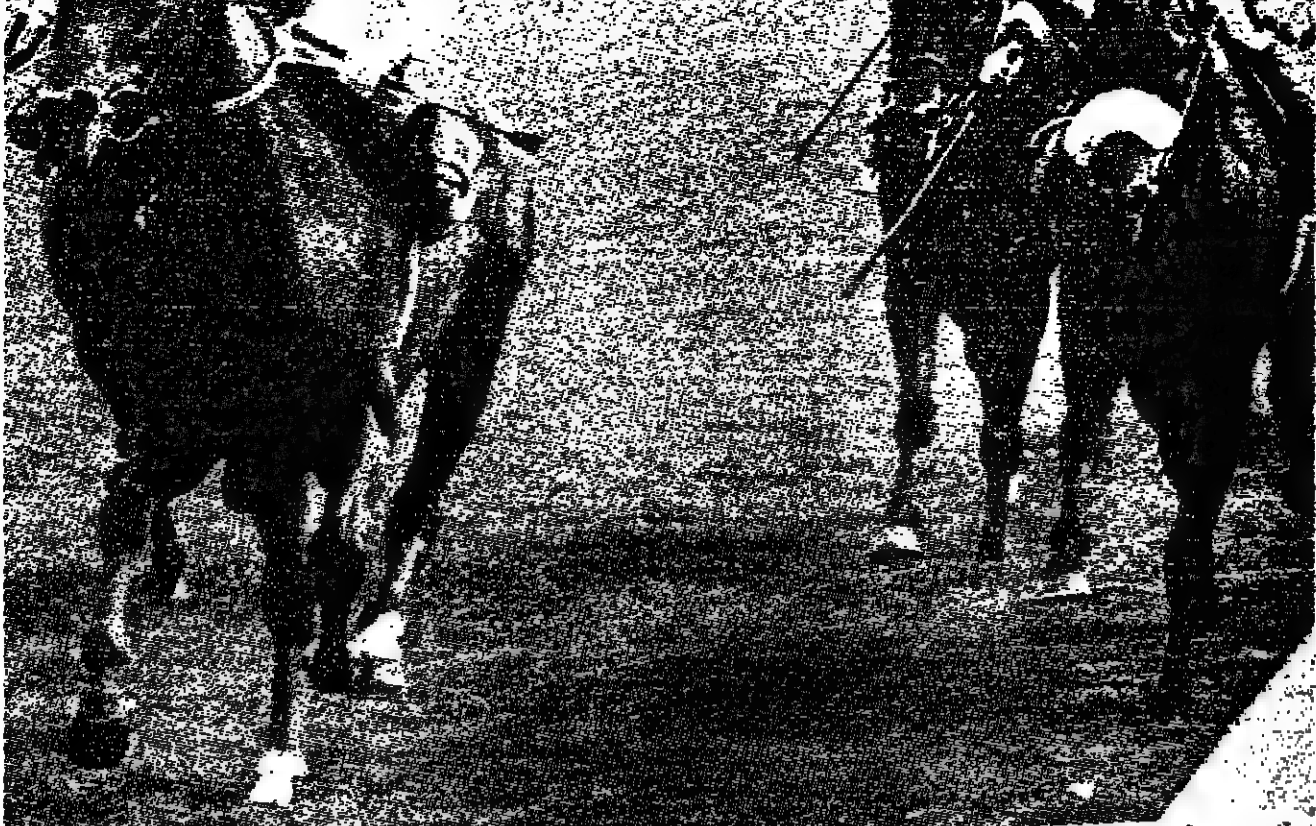
Diminuendo shattered Firefight's 1973 record by over two seconds when winning the Yorkshire Oaks.

Diminuendo's brilliant victory as she and Cauthen stormed home five lengths clear of Sudden Love erased the memory of her laboured dead-heat with Melodist at the Curragh.

The remarkable form of Cecil's two-year-olds was confirmed when Thorn Dance confirmed his position as favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas when quickening decisively in the last furlong of the Acomb Stakes to beat Batsford by 1½ lengths.

Like Diminuendo and Indian Skimmer, Thorn Dance is owned by Sheikh Mohammed, and is now likely to go for Doncaster's Champagne Stakes and then the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

There were no arrests and no reports of drunkenness among an estimated crowd of 22,000, an increase of 4,000 on 1987. "Traditionally, the Ebor crowd is well behaved throughout the three days," John Smith, the clerk of the course, commented.



Persian Heights (Pat Eddery, left) finishes first in the International Stakes at York yesterday but was subsequently disqualified for accidental interference in favour of Willie Carson and Shady Heights (noseband)

Carson has 296-1 treble

The awarding of the International Stakes to Shady Heights helped Willie Carson to a 296-1 treble (Michael Seely writes).

Earlier the dynamic Scot had been seen at his most forceful when driving Free-stone past the post a short head in front of Tails in the Raceday Timeform Connection Handicap, and his third

victory came on Careless Whisper for Ian Matthews in the £10,000 Coral Bookmakers Handicap.

Freestone's success gave Dick Hern his third win in what was formerly the Melrose Handicap, the Royal trainer having previously captured this always competitive handicap with Provoked and Broken Rail.

DIVING

Kimball to reconsider Seoul trip

Indianapolis (AP) — Bruce Kimball, of the United States, was yesterday considering his participation in the Olympic diving competition because of alcohol-related manslaughter charges filed against him in Florida on Monday.

Barb McLaughlin, the assistant executive director for US Diving Inc, said they could not comment on the charges filed against Kimball, who won the silver medal at the 1984 Games. She said, however, that Kimball had earned the right to compete and that US Diving had no rule that would disqualify him because of the traffic incident, in which two people died and six were injured. He is in Indianapolis for the Olympic diving trials, which start today.

Kimball, aged 25, faces a maximum sentence of 45 years in prison if convicted on all of five counts. A manslaughter charge is scheduled for August 26.

He is widely considered to be second only to Greg Louganis, twice Olympic champion, in platform diving. Kimball, a former University of Michigan diver, finished second to Louganis in platform and eighth in the three-metre springboard event at the recent United States diving championships.

Kimball won the silver medal in platform diving at Los Angeles after coming back from a car accident in 1981. He broke bones in his face and fractured a leg in that crash and had to have his spleen removed.

Kimball is the son of Dick Kimball, the long-standing University of Michigan and Olympic diving coach, who runs a summer diving camp in Florida.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Ogle on line to capture grand trophy

Clifford Ogle, who is defending the British smallbore championship at this year's national meeting at Bisley, is trying to add the championship grand aggregate to his existing honours (our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

This is the overall performance trophy based on the six major events before the championship final and Ogle yesterday shared the lead after the first two events of the series with Gordon Winch. Philip Strong is in third place, only a point behind, closely followed by Neil Brashers. Roy Harrop and Jonathan Stern.

RESULTS: Adlington Challenge Bowl (50m Class M): 1, G Winch (Edinburgh University Alumni); 2, J Stern (Barnsley); 3, C Ogle (EUA); 4, Harrop (Bedford); 5, Strong (Maidenhead); 6, Brashers (Gloucestershire); 7, D Stern (Gloucestershire); 8, G Johnson (Alpha Trophy); 9, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 10, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 11, F Pacey (Gloucestershire); 12, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 13, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 14, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 15, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 16, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 17, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 18, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 19, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 20, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 21, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 22, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 23, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 24, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 25, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 26, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 27, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 28, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 29, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 30, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 31, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 32, R Pacey (Gloucestershire); 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RACING

Consistent Insan ready to make amends for unlucky Curragh defeat

By Mandarin

Insan can enhance his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe prospects by winning his first race of the season in this afternoon's Great Voltigeur Stakes on the second day of the York meeting. He is the outstanding form and is my nap.

On each of his two outings this year, the Paul Colic-trained colt has finished runner-up to the dual Derby winner. On his seasonal debut in the Lingfield Derby Trial he gave Kahyasi 5lb and was far from disgraced when beaten two lengths.

At the Curragh, in the Irish Derby, Insan fully vindicated that performance when running down by a short head, having been caught on the line by Kahyasi. On that occasion Insan was considered unlucky as his rider, Richard Quinn, lost his whip.

The error subsequently cost Quinn the mount on the colt, who will be ridden for the first time today by Willie Carson. To add further support for Insan, his connections last month paid a £30,000 supplementary entry for the Arc, in which they are confident of taking revenge on Kahyasi.

Of his rivals I particularly fear Sheriff's Star. The grey finished a respectable sixth in the Derby behind Kahyasi, and then went on to victory in the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

As always the Tote Diamond Jubilee Stakes, the richest handicap in Europe, is again a very competitive affair. I side with Swinight Gunner.

The Colin Tinkler-trained gelding, sixth in the Champion Hurdle behind Celtic



Paul Colic trains Mandarin's nap Insan

Shot, had his first outing since 12 days ago at Newmarket. The tough campaigner put up an excellent performance when carrying 10 stone to victory despite being in need of the outing.

Of the many dangers I fear the well-handicapped Clifton Chapel. With only 7st 11lb he is excellent each-way value and his chances would be greatly helped if there was any easing in the ground.

Henry Cecil does not field many runners in handicaps, but when he does they soon become a popular choice. However, Kneller, his representative today, does not appeal.

On his only two outings the Lomond colt has won moderate events at Warwick and Thirsk, and his strong support has accumulated from his pleasing work on the gallops.

Large looks to be the form horse for the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes. Last time out the Willie Hastings-Bass-trained colt found his best form with vengeance in the listed Orby Stakes at Leopardstown.

Jack Berry can continue his tremendous strike rate with his two-year-olds in the Rose Stakes with Almost Blue. Last time out the colt made all the running to win the competitive Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood by three-quarters of a length from Paddy Chalk.

That's The One, who also won at Goodwood, looks the likely danger, but I expect Berry's juvenile to have too much pace.

Peter Easterby is usually on the mark at this meeting and looks to have the answer to the Andy Capp Handicap with Young Benz. Last season the gelding collected on four occasions and looks well handicapped today.

Miss Mischievous looks better than a player in the Rous Selling Stakes. On her debut the Neville Callaghan-trained filly was second to the useful Green Flag in a maiden at Nottingham.

Young Hal, who runs in the Frank Stone Stakes at York, is rare runner on the course for trainer Peter Walsby, and can make the long journey from Lambourn worthwhile. Last time out the colt was attempting the impossible when conceding 8lb to Ajanac and was beaten 2½ lengths.

That great racehorse Time Charter is represented for the first time on the course by By Shurley Heights, in the Hall Quay Maiden Stakes. If she has only a fraction of her illustrious parents' ability she will take all the beating.

Blinkered first time YORK: 3.10 Lord Insan, 4.15 Sherriff's Star, 5.15 Almost Blue, 6.15 Young Benz, 7.15 Young Hal, 8.15 Young Benz, 9.15 Young Benz, 10.15 Young Benz, 11.15 Young Benz, 12.15 Young Benz.

Warren Maiden Stakes at Folkestone yesterday.

It was only Wightman's second success of the season, but the trainer, who first took out a licence in 1937, already has his eyes on one of next season's top prizes. "He could be a Stewards' Cup next year," said Wightman, who last won the Goodwood cavalry charge in 1975 with Import.

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The winner is home bred by owner Mrs Rosemary Newton.

Hicks's talent vindicated

First Avenue's victory at Folkestone yesterday paid a fitting tribute to the training skills of Gordon Hicks, who collapsed and died after exercising the colt on Saturday.

Hicks, 50, had always wanted to train a winner on the Flat as his administrator Gloria Dollar explained: "Gordon wanted this horse to run and I was kindly granted a temporary licence by the Jockey Club. I had nothing to do with the training."

Hicks gained a wealth of experience during his career, which included 15 years with Vernon Cross. He was also head lad to David Elsworth and worked for Peter Payne-Galloway

and Royal trainer Ian Balding. In his first season with a licence last year he sent out five jumping winners from 31 runners. He also rode 45 winners.

Hatching had looked home and dry a fortnight but Tony McGilchrist brought First Avenue with a well-timed run 50 yards out to score by three-quarters of a length.

First Avenue is entered over a mile at Salisbury next week but Miss Dollar does not know if she will be allowed to run the horse.

Bill Wightman, one of racing's handicap specialists, has had a quiet time this year, but he is making big plans for Divine Pet, successful in the

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Going: firm

2.55 RACECOURSE STAKES (2-Y-O): 1. THORN DANCE b m Northern Dancer - Barry's Boy (Shahin Mohammed) 9-5 S. 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4.15 CORAL BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (2-Y-O): 1. THORN DANCE b m Northern Dancer - Barry's Boy (Shahin Mohammed) 9-5 S. Carson (10-1) 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892.

